

Stout Outlook

News for Stout Alumni,
Parents and Friends

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Ex-roommates top odds by sharing kidneys

Organ donation crosses racial lines, strengthens men's friendship

Serendipity. Providence. Call it what you will.

When Brad Higar '87 and Kevin Harris '86 became roommates at UW-Stout more than a decade ago, it was fortuitous. Little did either young man know that in years to come, one would literally save the life of the other.

Even if they had somehow known that one of them would need a kidney years down the road, what are the odds that the two men, of different races, would be compatible for a kidney transplant procedure? Slim, very slim, according to medical authorities. It is difficult to find compatible donors period. But cross racial donations are even more rare. Whites' organs and Blacks' organs are often incompatible. As one might guess, chances of a match are better between people of the same race, and even then, it is difficult to find suitable matches.

"It's just really very unusual that they would match completely," said Kathy Schappe, transplant coordinator at the University of Wisconsin Hospital Clinics in Madison.

But July 27, 1998, Kevin Harris, a 36-year-old Black manufacturing engineer from St. Paul and Brad Higar, a 34-year-old White contractor from Wausau, (*originally from Rockford, Ill.*) defied the odds, and each underwent surgery, transferring one of Higar's kidneys to Harris.

"To me it was not a huge step," Higar said. "It was a natural step. It's what you would do for a friend, especially if it meant saving that friend's life."

"It was an easy choice for me," Higar added. "There aren't that many people in one's life that you can count on as truly good friends."

The two men became friends while they were roommates at Stout, but they followed their own career paths, and they moved to different cities. The men grew closer over the years, however, as they married (*each stood up in the other's wedding*), started families and enjoyed a shared avid interest in bicycling.

The two began biking together on weekends and doing charity rides and week-long biking

trips. "You do a lot of talking things over during that time," Harris said.

In 1997, the two friends were planning a ride across Oregon and started training for it. "I couldn't seem to get into the training though," Harris said. "I felt lousy, like I had the flu all the time."

The trip was scheduled for August but when Kevin still wasn't feeling well in late June, his wife, Kate, urged him to go to a doctor. He was diagnosed with prostate infection. He continued to go downhill, however and was in excruciating pain. The diagnosis was changed: acute kidney failure.

When this strapping young father of two, in great shape from biking and working out, was diagnosed with kidney failure, "it was unbelievable and devastating," Kate said. "We were told that his kidneys were literally shriveling up and shutting down."

Harris was put on dialysis while awaiting a kidney, although no one knew how long it would be before a compatible kidney would turn up. No one in Kevin's family could donate because of a variety of medical problems and conditions which prohibited them from being donors. "They told me that as an African American, it could be up to a five-year wait," Harris said, if indeed then. "There are fewer Black donors," he said, adding also that only the top 5 percent of potential donors are chosen because they have to be in very fit condition to donate.

When Harris described his situation to Higar, his friend's first response was to ask if he could donate. "Lots of people ask what they can do to help," Harris said, "but how many would offer one of their own kidneys?"

Harris was touched but explained that it would be highly unlikely that Brad would be a match. Higar, however, was eager to start the testing which included not only physical tests but psychological testing and counseling. It was explained that there must be a strong emotional bond, and it must be determined if the would-be



Brad Higar (left) and Kevin Harris are pictured here at Harris' wedding.

donor is strong and stable and giving for the right reasons. Brad passed with flying colors, and he was ready to begin the physical testing.

Higar attached *one* string to the venture, however. If he was found to be compatible, he would donate a kidney *only* with a promise from Kevin that he would treat Brad no differently than before. "I didn't want the friendship to change," Higar said. "I didn't want him to feel like he owed me anything. I just wanted him to still treat me like a jerk if I'm acting like one."

But as anyone can imagine, the friendship is at a different level. The two men are linked forever, not just by an organ that once functioned in the other's body, but at a "deeper, gut level," Harris said.

The procedure, performed at Hennepin County Medical Center, was an example of a new laparoscopic technique that HCMC surgeons have been using only since January of 1998 in which the recovery period is dramatically reduced. Kevin described his surprise at being wheeled

out of the recovery room after receiving his new kidney and finding Brad standing next to him and walking with him to his room.

The story has attracted wide media attention. It was featured on a Twin Cities TV show and was picked up by the Associated Press. The two friends were flown to New York for an appearance on "Good Morning America."

"I still haven't been able to express to Brad what I really feel," Harris said. Each phone call is still emotional for Kevin and Kate. "Brad is such an honest, genuine human being who really cares," Harris said of his friend. "You don't find that very often."

Brad and his wife Cathy (*Terkelson*) '87 are both graduates of Stout. "I am just an average Stout graduate," Brad said. Many people wouldn't agree with that, especially Kevin Harris.

"I feel extremely unworthy of such a gift," Harris said.

Gift indeed. One that came without a bow but wrapped in unusual love.

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“People Process Culture” catching on at university

Innovative value system is studied and taught at UW-Stout

The People Process: It began at one of Wisconsin’s most innovative companies, and it’s now being studied and taught at UW-Stout.

Phillips Plastics Corporation began in 1964 with a group of manufacturing engineers, a small amount of cash and big dreams. Throughout their beginning, Phillips always kept one thing in mind: all people have intrinsic worth and value with dignity and respect. This key idea led to the development of a value system called People Process Culture. This value system supports everyday life at Phillips. A People Process Culture is an organizational environment that creates a strong belief in people and sustains a high level of performance and profit over an extended period of time. Because of their strong belief and commitment in people, Phillips has sustained a 20 percent growth rate and a 20 percent annual return on equity for more than 30 years.

In January of 1997, Robert Cervenka, CEO and founder of Phillips Plastics, and his wife, Debbie Cervenka, vice president of Marketing and Communications, gave a \$1.5 million endowment to the university to establish a People Process Culture Chair. The mission of the chair position is to assure that graduates in related manufacturing, business and educational programs will be able to effectively apply skills, knowledge and values that develop,

enhance and nourish the excellent principles of a People Process Culture.

This year has been highly successful for the People Process Culture. There were seminars presented on High Performing Manufacturing Cultures at the Phillips Plastics Origen Center in Menomonie. Companies that sent representatives to this seminar included Phillips Plastics Corporation, Skipper Liner, Dura-Tech, Oscar J. Boldt Construction Company, Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center, FlexMedics Corporation, United Parcel Service and Wausau Homes.

September not only brought the start of school, it also brought about the very first graduate level course, titled “People Process Organizational Cultures.” The course was team taught by professors from the colleges of Arts and Sciences; Human Development; and Technology, Engineering and Management. Content included in the course was the relationship of the five major components of people process organization culture; core values, walking the talk, creating the environment and benefits; aligning human resources systems with the values; and marketing, finance and operation tactics and strategies in people process organizations. Charles Krueger and other faculty members were pleased with the success

of the course, and decided to offer the course again in the spring semester.

In October, the People Process Culture hosted the Arthur A. Cabot Executive in Residency program. This program allows UW-Stout to invite major corporate leaders to spend one or several days on campus, during which time they are involved in faculty development, interaction with students, seminars and open presentations. The recipient of this year’s honor was Paul Baszucki, chair of the Board of Norstan Inc. Baszucki’s visit to UW-Stout included speaking with a telecommunications administration and an organizational leadership class; meetings with several university administrators; a campus technology tour; and a presentation to approximately 500 students, faculty and staff. Krueger hopes that because of the phenomenal success of Baszucki’s visit to campus, a long and beneficial relationship has been forged between Norstan Inc., and UW-Stout.

After a long search for office space, the Home Economics Building will now be home for the People Process Culture. Events planned for the upcoming year include a student organization leaders workshop, a two-day executive seminar, a leadership academy and further development of the all-university course.

Private support for printing program

Partnership will provide more graduates, train existing employees

An innovative partnership between UW-Stout and the state printing industry will solve a major problem. The industry needs more graduates from UW-Stout’s graphic communications management major, the only one of its kind in the UW System. UW-Stout needs more resources to expand enrollment in the major and to provide training services for existing industry employees.

Through a combination of private dollars from the industry and increased state support, the university will respond to those needs. In the process, UW-Stout will take the major statewide, to reach place-bound students who cannot move to campus to complete the degree. Pilot programs are already being offered at several sites in southeastern Wisconsin.

“There are many opportunities in the printing industry right now, and that is expected to increase,” stated N. Niall Power, president and CEO of Printing Industries of Wisconsin. “The demand far exceeds the supply.”

Power noted that printing is the third largest manufacturing industry in the country, after automobiles and plastics. It is the fourth largest industry in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin ranks eighth among the 50 states in both the number of printing establishments and in printing employment. Power estimated that Wisconsin shipped

\$5.6 billion printing orders in 1998.

The economic impact on the state is great, noted Jim Herr, graphic communications management program director. Herr said the need for expansion was indicated at least three years ago, based on the number of industry recruiters compared to the number of graduates in the program. He and Ted Bensen, an associate professor in the program, reported that there are in excess of half a dozen job opportunities for each graduate. “Some students were wrestling with three or four really good offers,” Bensen said.

Plans for increasing the size and range of the program encompass a variety of areas. Enrollment in the graphic communications management program will be increased by 100 students, and the necessary faculty will be added. Existing facilities will be more fully used by offering classes with some starting later and teaching into the evening. Development of a Midwest Regional Graphic Communications Research and Training Center is being planned along with expansion of instructional delivery away from campus to place-bound students.

The addition of 100 students (*boosting enrollment to about 350*) will add about 25 graduates annually, Herr said. Other anticipated results will include increased

employment, training and economic development, which will serve the needs of the Wisconsin printing and publishing industry as well as the general interests of the state, according to Herr. He said that the economic impact on the state will be at least \$3.7 million annually. Other specific plans include partnering with technical colleges, offering more distance education classes to place-bound students around the state and expanding training opportunities to the industry. Currently four to six workshops per year are offered. The ultimate goal is to be able to offer 42 weeks of training a year from which the industry can choose.

“The Wisconsin printing industry and UW-Stout have had an ongoing partnership which has been very satisfying and productive,” Power said. “We strongly support the expansion initiative. Based on what I’ve seen, Stout offers students great opportunities in the industry and a wide breadth of experience.”

To accomplish all this, the university is seeking additional state support, while Printing Industries of Wisconsin has pledged support totaling \$700,000 over each two-year budget cycle.

“The expansion will benefit everyone,” he said, “the state, the industry, the university and the students.”

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Gaming courses offered

Courses meet needs in fast growing sector of hospitality industry

In response to a growing demand from employers, two new courses —casino/gaming management and casino/pit management—are being offered at UW-Stout, through the department of hospitality and tourism.

Casino/pit management was offered for the first time last fall, with 18 students registered.

“Gaming entertainment is the fastest growing segment of the hospitality and tourism industry,” noted Sharon Giroux, a UW-Stout hospitality and tourism professor who teaches the new courses along with Darrel Van Loenen, also of that department. “Gaming is growing at a rate of 10 percent a year,” Giroux said. “The classes are being offered in response to a tremendous pent-up need.”

Van Loenen, who also has a law degree and is a certified public accountant, noted that gaming or casino accounting is very specialized because of all the money

that changes hands, and there is a great deal of state and federal regulation of the industry.

“Almost every state has legalized some form of gaming,” Van Loenen reported. “Management needs to be very knowledgeable about the industry.”

The course focuses on the dynamics of table gaming within a casino/resort facility. This includes direct customer interaction, supervision of table games and gaming personnel, computerized customer tracking systems, internal cash controls and audit systems, casino cage transactions, reporting mechanisms, and surveillance and security within the pit environment.

The course examines gaming operations and background, human resources and special skill needs, internal profit and loss centers, financial credits and controls, marketing strategies, government regulations and policies, and also the cultural, psychological and

sociological impacts associated with gaming as a form of recreation and entertainment.

“We have heard from several casinos in the country who say they appreciate being able to recruit quality employees,” Giroux said, adding that hospitality and tourism students who will be managing establishments that include casinos need to know about gaming law and liability and management as well as food and beverages, marketing, hotel management and general gaming operations.

Giroux emphasizes that the classes in no way advocate gambling. In fact, “we tell students that nobody ever continually comes out ahead,” Giroux said. The sociological aspects are addressed in class with speakers coming in from Gamblers Anonymous. “But people will gamble,” she said, “and we need to turn out students who are prepared to manage that form of entertainment.”

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Darrel Van Loenen

Making News

Faculty pay plan needs support

In the coming months, there will be a great deal of discussion statewide concerning the budget needs and priorities for the University of Wisconsin System. A healthy, vibrant university system is essential for a dynamic, expanding economy. The 21st century will demand even more emphasis on quality education delivered not only on our campuses, but also over distance education delivery systems and at remote locations throughout the state.

To meet such demands, we must rely on a highly valuable resource: a superb, dedicated and highly professional faculty and academic staff. But as other states improve their educational systems, the competition to attract and retain such professionals becomes extremely difficult.

That is why the Board of Regents' proposed salary package of a 5.2 percent increase each year of the 1999–2001 biennium is so critical. Competitive salaries are essential to attract the best faculty and academic staff to our campuses, and to retain them to preserve our educational quality. At UW-Stout, during the last three years, salaries for faculty in 95 percent of our academic disciplines and ranks have declined an average of 7 percent in relation to peer universities elsewhere.

This issue is real. In the last 18 months, UW-Stout has lost excellent faculty to the private sector and to universities in other states. Their salary disparities range from \$6,500 to \$22,000, demonstrating why we must be able to compete more effectively for high-level personnel.

We should be extremely proud of this system of higher education in Wisconsin, the envy of many states throughout the country. We must rededicate our commitment to the system by ensuring a competitive compensation package for faculty and academic staff, the people who make us great.

Chancellor's Message



Charles W. Sorensen

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Sedlak named provost/vice chancellor

Robert Sedlak has been recommended for the position of provost/vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen announced recently.

Sedlak has served as interim provost since March 1998.

In a memo to the campus, Sorensen said Sedlak has the talent and leadership skills needed at this point of UW-Stout's history: "He has a rich and deep background both at UW-Stout and within the System; he has excelled at curricular and program development; he is very student oriented; he has worked hard and has been successful in acquiring resources from the System for our campus; he has always been a proponent for diversity and gender equity; and Bob is truly dedicated to the success of UW-Stout. He shares the strong vision the campus embraced in the lengthy and inclusive development of our strategic plan. He is

also excellent at understanding data without losing sight of the all-university issues. He not only respects, but works well with, governance."

Prior to his interim appointment, Sedlak was associate vice chancellor. He has also served at UW-Stout as associate dean for graduate studies and curriculum from August 1988 to June 1990; assistant dean for research from July 1985 to August 1988; and assistant to the dean, School of Education and Human Services, from August 1983 to July 1985.

Sedlak received a bachelor of science degree from California State College of Pennsylvania in 1968; an M.Ed. from Pennsylvania State University in 1970; and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in 1973.



Sedlak

Researchers recognized for contributions

Mary Orfield, has been named UW-Stout's Outstanding Researcher, and Orville Nelson received the Nelva G. Runnalls Research Support Recognition Award.

The awards were presented by Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen during annual Research Day activities.

Orfield was chosen by a vote of the graduate faculty and principal investigators of extramurally funded projects during the past year. The Outstanding Researcher Award recognizes individuals for their leadership and significant contributions to research and scholarly activities.

Nelson was recognized for providing support and resources to faculty and staff to pursue their research and scholarly activities.

Orfield is a professor of chemistry and a 1997–99 Dahlgren professor. She is nationally recognized for one of her primary research areas, the thermodynamics of high temperature molten salts. She has presented her research nationally and internationally by invitation of the Electrochemical Society.

Other research pursuits done by Orfield have involved powder metallurgy, such as focusing on the alloying, magnetic behavior and lubrication of metal powders. She holds a patent on her work in this area.

Orfield has recently been investigating various chemistries involved in corrosion, electrochemical machining and a new area focusing on the deflocculation of ceramic slips.

Nelson is in his 36th year at UW-Stout. He has served as a classroom instructor, evaluation specialist, curriculum coordinator in the Vice Chancellor's Office, program director, and director of the Center for Training and Technical Education (formerly the Center for Vocational, Technical and Adult Education). Through the center, Nelson has been involved in a wide variety of projects which have resulted in faculty, graduate students, technical college and school district staff seeking his assistance with their ideas, research plans, grants, projects or assignments.

During his tenure at UW-Stout, Nelson has helped faculty and students design research projects, develop research instruments and analyze data.

As a graduate program director, Nelson has been highly supportive of quality research through his teaching, advisement and assistance with students' graduate research papers.

Nelson was a past recipient of the Dahlgren professorship, and has received numerous research awards from local, state and national organizations.



Orfield



Nelson

People You Know

Helmuth "Pookie" Albrecht, has retired after 35 years of service. Albrecht, 61, was executive director of Student Life Services, with responsibility for residence halls, dining services, the student center and related accounting support services; student health services; and campus police and parking. Albrecht began employment at Stout as a residence hall director and also served as housing director.

Fredrick E. Menz, professor in the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute's Research and Training Center and the Continuing Education Center, received the "Outstanding Researcher of the Year" award from the National Council on Rehabilitation Education at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Menz was recognized for his accomplishments in advancing the rehabilitation counseling profession through research and training activities of national significance. He was also recognized by the Association for the Education of Community Rehabilitation Personnel for his outstanding two years of leadership as president of the association in 1996–1998.

Bob Meyer, of UW-Stout's department of technology, has been named associate dean of outreach in the College of Technology, Engineering and Management. Meyer began teaching at UW-Stout in 1983 and has been extremely active in program planning and curriculum development, and has chaired a number of committees. He was also a member of the Fryklund Hall campaign steering committee. Since coming to UW-Stout, Meyer has negotiated hardware and software donations exceeding \$1 million, and has written a \$50,000 grant for laboratory development. In 1994, Meyer was named director of the manufacturing engineering program. He has served as interim director of the Stout Technology Transfer Institute for the past year. The Stout Technology Transfer Institute (STTI) consists of seven centers delivering a variety of economic development services to more than 500 companies a year. A significant majority of companies served are small and medium sized manufacturers as well as start up companies. These companies realized more than \$5 million in sales increases and cost reductions as a result of services provided through STTI in the past year.

Diane Moen has been named assistant chancellor for the division of Administrative and Student Life Services. The appointment is part of an internal reorganization. Moen was previously assistant chancellor for budget, planning and analysis. Moen is responsible for business and financial services; budget, planning and analysis; physical plant; and human resources. She oversees student life services, which includes residence halls, dining services, health services, security and police, parking, student center, university recreation and intramurals, and bookstore; and university services which includes functions such as purchasing, materials management, printing services, mail services, and safety and risk management. Moen came to UW-Stout in 1978 as a budget and management analyst. She became assistant controller and director of budget services in 1985, and interim director of budget and financial services in 1989. From 1990–95, she was director of business and financial services and deputy vice chancellor.

Pat Reisinger, executive director of the Stout University Foundation, received a new title of Assistant Chancellor for University Development. The title recognizes Reisinger's phenomenal fund-raising ability and her significant contributions to the vitality of the university. Under her leadership, university foundation assets and endowments have increased substantially.

John Wesolek has been named dean of the College of Human Development at UW-Stout. Wesolek has served as director of the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI) since 1986, and has also served as a professor of vocational rehabilitation in the department of rehabilitation and counseling. Under his leadership, SVRI has grown to become the largest campus-based vocational rehabilitation operation in the United States, and includes 40 faculty and staff and an annual budget of nearly \$3.5 million. He has served as a rehabilitation practitioner, educator, administrator and consultant while at UW-Stout.

Promotions in rank and tenure designations for UW-Stout faculty and staff members were announced by Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, following action by the UW System Board of Regents. Promoted to professor are **Mary Flynn**, psychology; **Mahshid Jalilvand**, social science; **Jerome Johnson**, technology; **Donna Stewart**, industrial management; **Ken Welty**, communications, education and training; and **Mingshen Wu** and **Eileen Zito**, mathematics, statistics and computer science. Promoted to associate professor are **Anne Antonippillai**, mathematics, statistics and computer science; **Charles Bomar**, biology; **Karen Ferree**, business; **William Rueth**, technology; and **Ana Vande Linde**, chemistry. **Welty** also received tenure, along with **Hector Cruz** and **Jill Stanton**, education, counseling and psychology; **William DeHoff**, art and design; **Barbara Knous** and **Carol Seaborn**, food and nutrition; **Karen Martinson** and **Kevin McDonald**, business; **Robert Peters**, rehabilitation and counseling; **Teresa Schulz**, hospitality and tourism; **Timothy Shiell**, English and philosophy; and **E. Mitchell Spencer**, technology.

Retirees honored: Sixteen faculty and staff members who have retired or will retire in 1998–99 from UW-Stout were honored at a dinner held in May. Retirees recognized were **Helmuth Albrecht**, Administrative and Student Life Services administration; **Lorayne Baldus**, Center for Training and Technical Education; **Todd Boppel**, art and design; **Steven Fossum**, physics; **Glenn Gehring**, College of Technology, Engineering and Management; **Humphrey Gilbert**, art and design; **Sandra Gill**, human development, family living and community educational services; **Ray Hansen**, industrial management; **Priscilla Huffman**, human development, family living and community educational services; **Joy Jocelyn**, food and nutrition; **Dion Manriquez**, art and design; **Louis Moegenburg**, technology; **Courtney Nystuen**, technology; **John Perri**, art and design; **Glenyce Peterson**, technology; and **John Van Osedale**, education, counseling and psychology.

University pilots four-year degree contract

Freshmen who enter the university in selected degree programs have an option of signing a "four-year degree contract." Students who sign the contract must meet certain eligibility requirements and agree to work with their program directors to continually monitor progress toward degree completion. If a student complies with all of the conditions of the contract, but is unable to graduate in four years due to the unavailability of one or more courses, the university agrees to provide various alternatives to facilitate degree completion. These alternatives may include priority registration, course substitutions or waiving tuition for courses taken beyond the four-year period.

The contract was developed by a committee of

UW-Stout faculty and staff members. It is similar to contracts offered by other UW System institutions. The four-year degree contract is available to UW-Stout students in the following programs: apparel design/manufacturing, applied mathematics, dietetics, food systems and technology, general business administration, graphic communications management, marketing education, psychology, retail merchandising and management, technology education, telecommunication systems and vocational rehabilitation (*non-teaching*).

Students who sign contracts are monitored by their program directors, and the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Stout Foundation Report

New bells ring loud and clear

No other landmark on the UW-Stout campus has more meaning to students, alumni, faculty and staff than the historic clock tower on the northeast corner of Bowman Hall. Since 1897 the 153-foot tower has defined the Menomonie skyline. For more than 100 years, the tower has been home to a bell which rang out across the Menomonie community. Over the years, the original bell was damaged by weather and misuse. After many years of silence, the bell was replaced by a mechanical carillon and later an electronic carillon to mark the passage of each quarter hour.

In October 1997, the grand sound of four new bells rang out over the UW-Stout campus. The new Bowman Hall bells are a project initiated by John Meyer, a 1970 Stout graduate. Meyer was on campus during the summer of 1995 for his class reunion. At that time, Meyer mentioned his interest in bells. The chancellor was very interested in Meyer's information and requested that he collect price quotes for the replacement of the Bowman Hall bell. Within one year, four new bells were installed in the Bowman Hall Tower.

In 1997 the UW-Stout Alumni Association established a challenge for all alumni celebrating their class reunions to raise dollars to fund the new bells in the Bowman Hall Tower. Over the



Workers remove the cracked bell from Bowman Hall.

past year, the following classes have celebrated their reunions: 1930-39, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1958, 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1988. Thanks to the dedicated alumni from these classes, to date, more than \$12,500 has been raised towards the new bells.

For more information about the new bells in the Bowman Hall Tower or to make a donation to the project, see our website at <http://www.uwstout.edu/foundation/bells/>.

Foundation board appoints new directors

Kim Entorf, president of the Stout University Foundation Board of Directors, announced the appointment of four new members: Walter Kirchhoff '85, president of Specialized Marketing of Wisconsin, Oconomowoc; Lyle Martens '57, consultant, UW-Green Bay Center for Education and Workforce and Competitiveness; Dennis Moline '84, director of production, AbleNet Inc., Minneapolis; and Kathy Ann Sandstrom '84, vice president, sales and marketing, HM Graphics Inc., Milwaukee. Board appointments are for three years with the ability to serve a total of three terms or nine years.

Continuing board members include Donna Albrecht, BS '68, MS '69; David Barnard BS '46, MS '47; Roy Bauer '67; James Bolm BS '58, MS '63; Hugh Crane '74; Kim Entorf '84; Linda Funk '76; Dale Granchalek '69; Dan Hampton '71; Deanna House '61; Mark Kinney '75; Karen Martinson '82; William J. "Bud" Micheels '32; Ralph Myhrman BS '50, MS '54; Dan Ostermann BS '91, MS '92; Grace Ostenso '51; JoAnn Prange '86; Carol Siedhoff '79; Kathleen Skarvan; Donna Skidmore '76; Claudia Smith; Zeke Smolarek BS '64, MS '65; Robert Sorensen BS '60, MS '65; Robert Swanson BS '49, MS '50; Mary Thompson; Don Tietz '51; Lou Tiffany '76; Dorothy Traisman



Kirchhoff



Martens



Moline



Sandstrom

'52; and Steve Vande Berg '65.

Retiring board members include Robert Jeatran and Anne Reuther BS '61, MS '84.

Packaging advisory committee meets



Members of the packaging faculty and packaging advisory committee met this fall with representatives from Tenneco's Egg Packaging Division. Pictured (l-r): Tom Voss, faculty; Anil Kalke, director of technical services, Tenneco; Barbara Walters, vice president and general manager, Tenneco Egg Packaging; Ken Neuburg, faculty; Joe Grygny, advisory committee; Bruce Siebold, dean, College of Technology, Engineering and Management. Partnerships with industry continue to be a priority for the packaging program. A capital campaign is currently underway to ensure Stout's status as one of the nation's premier packaging programs.

Gifts build Furlong Gallery collection

Gift honors David Wendt '57

The Furlong Art Gallery moved to its new home two years ago when Micheels Hall was completed. Late this fall, Brad Wendt, president of Design Concepts, Madison, Wis., presented the UW-Stout art department and the Furlong Gallery with 22 Marco Spalatin serigraphs and acrylic paintings in honor of his father, David Wendt '57. Wendt was active as a board member of the Stout University Foundation and served as president from 1993-1995. He died in 1996.

The artist, Marco Spalatin, was born in Zagreb, Croatia, in 1945 and received his B.A. and M.F.A. from UW-Madison. Spalatin's work involves uniform clusters of cubes using intense colors. The clusters of forms float, rest or tilt in space to evoke movement and direction. The optical illusions intimate a world of machinery with the many interlocking parts in each piece.

Brad Wendt explained, "I think my father enjoyed the artwork because it essentially looked like abstract machinery parts, and my father's work was about designing and creating products for many industries. He could easily relate to the designs and colors. He would be pleased to know the collection is housed at his alma mater."

Gene Bloedorn, Furlong Gallery director, commented, "Both the prints and the paintings are representative of Spalatin's style. He has given a career-long emphasis to the manipulation of flat planes of color and geometric shapes and patterns to effect an optical illusion. His work is distinctive and recognized worldwide. We are very pleased to have this work included in our permanent gallery collection."



Left: Brad Wendt unloading one of the Spalatin art pieces as Ron Verdon and Gene Bloedorn assist in the delivery. Right: Mario Spalatin artwork donated in memory of David Wendt, former Stout Foundation board president. (l-r): Gene Bloedorn, director, Furlong Art Gallery; Brad Wendt; Patricia Reisinger, assistant chancellor for development; and Ron Verdon, chair, art and design department.

Cabot presents lithograph to gallery



Scott Cabot visited campus December 1, 1998, and for the fifth straight year donated a print to the Furlong Art Gallery from the Scott and Janet Cabot print collection. This year the print is a lithograph by Kyrn Markham titled, "And he said" [detail above right]. Lithograph Presentation [above left] (l-r): John Furlong, former UW-Stout assistant chancellor; Ron Verdon, chair, art and design department; Scott Cabot; Gene Bloedorn, director, Furlong Art Gallery; and John Murphy, dean, College of Arts and Sciences. "And he said" lithograph

Stout leaders meet



Two former UW-Stout leaders met with Chancellor Sorensen in October. A discussion about current activities, programs and reminiscing were all included in the afternoon meeting. (l-r): Robert Swanson, William "Bud" Micheels, Charles W. Sorensen.

Stout University Foundation

Scholarships

William "Bill" M. Burns Jr. Instrumental Music Department Endowment

Family and friends of Bill Burns Jr. have established an endowment in memory of his interests and abilities in music. Burns graduated from UW-Madison in business and received an undergraduate degree from UW-Stout in general business administration in 1992. He passed away April 20, 1998. His parents, Rose and Bill Burns (former UW-Stout athletic director), indicated Bill really enjoyed his years at UW-Stout. He was a talented singer and enjoyed being a part of the music department.

Stephanie Graber, assistant professor in the music department, explained, "The UW-Stout instrumental music department is multifaceted and currently offers students concert band, jazz band, jazz combo, small ensemble and pep band experiences. The endowment will provide funding for needs which are not covered by the

annual budget. We're grateful for such an endowment in Bill's memory."

John Murphy, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, applauded the action by the family and indicated the funds would be used to enhance an already excellent program. "There is definitely a need to purchase new instruments as students often do not own their own, and many of UW-Stout's instruments are 30 years old. There's a need for music equipment, and the budget dollars needed to tour the state to advertise UW-Stout are limited. We welcome the added dollars and are very appreciative of the assistance."



Bill Burns Jr., circa 1967 at the age of eight, practicing the piano

M.O.M.S. Endowed Scholarship

Marilyn Krause Leccese '74 and Rick Leccese of Ankeny, Iowa, wanted to honor their mothers for their positive influence on their respective lives. They have created an endowment which will provide a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to be awarded annually to a student majoring in one of the following areas: food systems and technology; hotel, restaurant and tourism management; or family and consumer sciences education. The student must have attained junior or senior status and maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Marilyn graduated with a major in home economics education and currently is director of educational resources at the Broadlawns

Medical Center in Des Moines, and Rick is in food service with Aramark. Marilyn serves on the UW-Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors.

John Wesolek, dean of the College of Human Development, thanked the Lecceses for their generous scholarship endowment. "Scholarships are important to UW-Stout students. They fulfill several purposes besides financial assistance. Donors have singled out the students and are truly concerned about their educational and personal welfare. This is a very important message to any student awarded a scholarship."

Patricia Partridge Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Patricia Gardiner Partridge appreciated art in all its forms: music, drama, architecture and home furnishings. Her true love, though, was contemporary design. She liked the clean, uncluttered look of contemporary design, be it architecture, furniture, paintings, or even clothing and jewelry.

Art was a very important part of Patricia Partridge's life. "When her life was cut short by a tragic accident," said her husband, Paul, "I sought to honor her memory by supporting the things that she loved. She loved art and she

loved Menomonie. Think of this scholarship as her personal thank you, her way of giving something back to art."

The first Patricia Partridge Memorial Endowed Scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 1999 to a student pursuing study in the field of fine arts. The goal of the scholarship is to generate the art of the future, not to recreate the past.



Patricia Partridge

Giving back satisfies: Bequest makes it easy

"The University of Wisconsin-Stout gave me a great base for my professional career, now I'm planning to give something back."

Linda Funk '76 attributes her success as vice president of marketing, food service, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, to her education and experiences at Stout. "Everything at Stout contributed to my success," she said. "My home economics education degree provided me with a foundation for working in the food industry. My involvement in the Alpha Phi Sorority while at school helped me develop leadership skills."

According to Funk, she perhaps received the most benefit from her campus employment in the placement office. "Bob Dahlke was the director of placement then," she said. "Bob was fabulous! He was so willing to take time to help students with their career development paths."

"It's important to give back," Funk stated. That's why, when she wrote her will this year, she included a bequest to the Stout University Foundation. Through her will, Funk is leaving money to family members, and to the school she believes gave her a good start, the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Upon her death, 10 percent of her estate will go to the Stout Foundation to be used where the need is greatest.

"I left the bequest unrestricted because I don't know what needs will be most critical then," Funk said. "I trust the leadership of the Foundation to make the right decisions and use my bequest in the best way possible."

"The whole process has been very satisfying," she said. "It feels good to know that I will be providing for what I value most—my family and the University of Wisconsin-Stout."

She found including a bequest in her will to be very easy. "The Stout Foundation's planned giving brochure, *A Guide To Planning Your Gift*, made it easy to do," she said. "It included an example of the proper language to use, so I just faxed it to my lawyer along with my instructions."

What do you value? What do you want to see continue after you're gone?

Including the charitable organizations you care about in your will is one of the easiest and most important ways to show the world what you believe in, and what you want to see continue.

You can make a charitable bequest by including some simple language when you write your will. There are four different types of bequests that can be made including unrestricted, restricted, endowed and contingent. With this variety of choices, you can direct your charitable organization on how to use your gift of a lifetime.

An unrestricted bequest, like Funk made, allows the Foundation to direct the funds to where they're needed most in the future. A restricted bequest allows you to choose the need, whether it be student scholarships, technology updates for student labs or another particular area of interest. An endowed bequest will establish a permanent fund which will distribute a portion of the interest earned for either unrestricted or restricted needs. A contingent bequest will direct your estate, or a portion of it, to your chosen charity in the event that your initial beneficiary passes first.

If you choose to include the Stout Foundation in your plans, the following is the general wording that we suggest for an unrestricted bequest:

I give, devise and bequeath to the Stout University Foundation Inc., a non-profit, non-stock Wisconsin corporation with its principal offices in Menomonie, Wisconsin, _____ percent (____%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate for unrestricted purposes.

If you wish to find the right language for a specific bequest, the Foundation staff is happy to help you. Return the form below to request your personal copy of *A Guide to Planning Your Gift*, or call Patti Bender Dahl at 715/232-1151.

Planned Giving



Patti Bender Dahl

"The whole process has been very satisfying. It feels good to know that I will be providing for what I value most—my family and the University of Wisconsin-Stout."

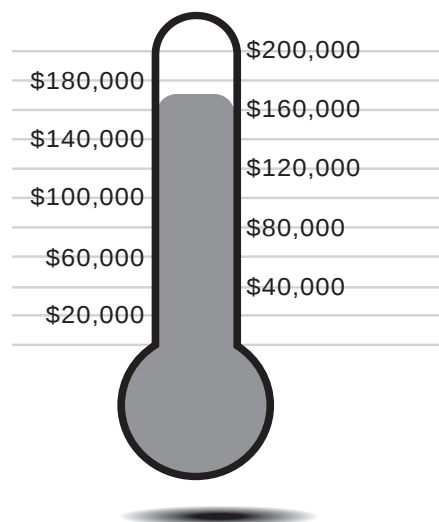
Linda Funk '76

Thanks

Thank you for your support of UW-Stout through the 1998-1999 Alumni Annual Fund Campaign.

We extend a special thanks to our donors who had their gifts matched by employer matching gift programs. For more information about the campaign and how to have your donation matched by your employer, visit our website at:

http://www.uwstout.edu/foundation/annual_fund.html



Bequest Information Form

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

- ☐ Please send me the free booklet *A Guide to Planning Your Gift*.
- ☐ I have a question. Please call me. Best time to call: _____ a.m./p.m.
- ☐ I have already included the Stout University Foundation in my estate plan through:
- ☐ my will ☐ a trust arrangement ☐ an insurance policy

Send to: UW-Stout Alumni Association, Louis Smith Tainter House, P.O. Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751
Fax: 715/232-5015 E-mail: alumni2@uwstout.edu

Grants

The Stout University Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$47,884 to underwrite eight grants for 1998-99. Proposals which received awards demonstrated a multiplier effect, were related to the mission of the university, and exemplified the potential to advance the mission of the university.

Development of Computer Based Chemistry Experiments

College of Arts and Sciences, Ana Vande Linde, \$9,766

The chemistry department provides appropriate courses in chemistry as support and background for the degree programs offered at UW-Stout. Each course is laboratory intensive, and every effort is made to ensure that laboratory activities coincide with and complement the lecture presentations. Purchasing and implementing the use of computers in the chemistry lab will facilitate the development of computer based experiments for entry level chemistry courses and quantitative analysis. Fifteen computer based experiments will be developed within the two-year period to support the mission of the chemistry department and the university, where integration of theory with hands-on experimentation using the current technology is considered the most effective approach to learning .

Development of Web-Based Interactive Tutoring System to Support the “Music in our World” Course

College of Arts and Sciences, Bruce Johnson and Mark Pruett, \$1,500

The course “Music In Our World” is a general music course taken by more than 300 students per semester. The interactive web site will supplement the course by providing a collection of learning modules that incorporate extensive multimedia content and the latest in Java-based interactive applications. Each learning module will contain a combination of music clips for directed listening exercises; an online glossary of music terminology; interactive quizzes to prepare for classroom tests; and a variety of text, graphics and audio clips on musical periods, major composers and musical instruments.

CD-ROM for Period Furnishings: Interactive Teaching Technology for the Classroom

College of Arts and Sciences, Claudia Smith, \$10,338

The CD-ROM for Period Furnishings is an interactive program covering the history of furnishings from antiquity to the early 20th century. The CD is designed to be used along with course readings and course lectures for required courses in the interior design program. The CD provides a single, affordable source for full-color, visual materials to cover the topic of historic furniture. The CD will allow students to visualize the materials outside of the classroom in a format other than in a slide session.

Curriculum Development in Brewery Operations Management

College of Human Development, Janice Timmer and William Way, \$2,500

Management and operation of microbreweries and brew pubs are closely related to UW-Stout’s existing programs in hospitality and tourism management, food systems and technology, packaging, manufacturing engineering, retail merchandising and management, and general business administration. The two major objectives of this proposal are to establish partnerships with businesses and industries to brewing, and to increase student involvement and awareness of the brewing industry through the offering of a special topics course.

Digital Source Document Retrieval

Library Learning Center, John Jax, \$8,700

The Library Learning Center has more than one million microfilm/fiche formats in its collections. The Digital Microprinter will allow students and faculty to produce laser quality microfilm/fiche document printouts. The library has three old microformat reader/printers which are a problem to use. This new workstation will increase not only the number of workstations but the quality, as well, to better serve library users.

“I Choose Stout!” Fall New Student Orientation Program

Student Services, Starla Diken, Mary McManus and Bill Siedlecki, \$5,000

The “I Choose Stout” orientation program will provide central coordination of the new student orientation efforts. The goal of the program is to coordinate all orientation programs and provide students the opportunity to become a part of the university community. The program will provide an opportunity for interdepartmental collaboration, creating further partnerships between academic affairs and student life, providing structured social and academic opportunities for students and increasing student leadership opportunities. Most importantly, the program will help new students succeed academically and socially by easing the transition into college life.

Analysis of Trends in Delivery Systems for Training

College of Technology, Engineering and Management, Steve Schlough, Julie Furst-Bowe and Joe Benkowski, \$3,000

This project will investigate trends used to deliver training and development to industry. There is a high need expressed by business, industry, military, government and education to more effectively deliver training. This need is bound to increase as the demand for training increases, and organizations need to enhance the quality of training while containing costs. UW-Stout is one of the only schools in the United States that provides a “hands-on” component to its graduate level program in training and development. This program will not only enhance student courses but will also provide resources to businesses.

Support for the Center for Nutrition Education

College of Human Development, Joy Jocelyn and Mary Abbott Hess, \$7,080

Creation of the Center for Nutrition Education provides educational and service opportunities for students and faculty in many departments within the College of Human Development. Through a variety of programs and activities that provide assessment, education and counseling services to clients, students, community groups and faculty, the center will promote healthy lifestyle choices. The mission of the center is to promote lifestyle and food choices that enhance health and well-being through nutrition education and appropriate behavior change.

Congratulations and thanks

The Grants Committee and the Foundation Board congratulate those who were awarded grants, and thank all of the faculty and staff who submitted proposals. Board members serving on the grants committee were Anne Reuther, chair, Kim Entorf, Linda Funk, Dale Granchalek, Dan Hampton, Bud Micheels, Ralph Myhrman, Grace Ostenso, John Ostrowski, Carol Siedhoff, Kathleen Skarvan, Bob Sorensen, Mary Thompson, Dorothy Traisman, and Jenny Rudiger, staff member.

Michelbook pledges \$50,000 for the Recreation Complex

Maurie Michelbook, Menomonie native and businessman, has pledged \$50,000 to the Recreation Complex. Michelbook has been a loyal Blue Devil fan and Menomonie Indian booster for more than 50 years. He’s recognized as one of the community’s best fans since the middle 30s. A coach of note himself, he guided the Menomonie Eagles to a state baseball championship in 1950. “I am excited about the prospect of having a first-rate recreation complex in the community,” said Michelbook. “The students and this community deserve a complex which we can be proud of.”

A 1936 graduate of Menomonie High School and a successful businessman who owned and operated the Michelbook Service Station from 1942 to 1987, Michelbook has enjoyed watching the Menomonie Indians and the Blue Devils for 45 years. He’s a fervent spectator, according to his friends.

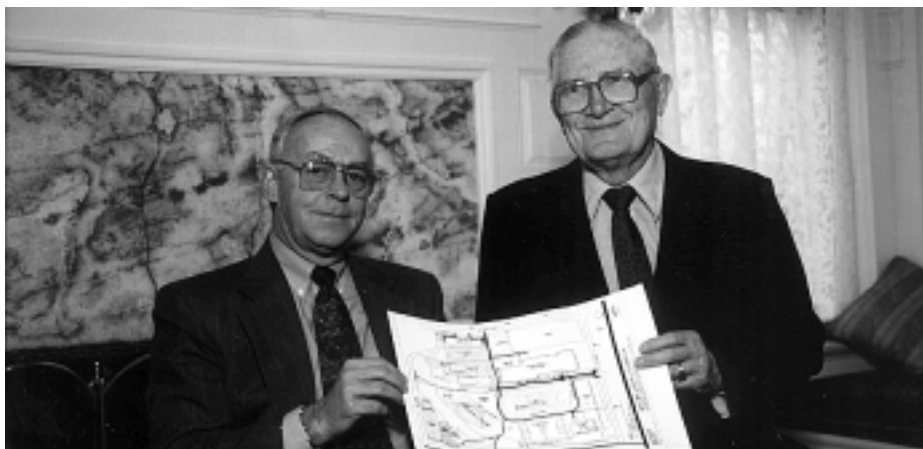
Joseph Larkin, special assistant to the provost, explained, “Maurie has made a major gift to kick off the fund-raising campaign for the recreation

complex. He wants Stout and the Indians to win, and he wants the campaign to be a winner. You know Maurie doesn’t like to lose!”

Michelbook was inducted into the UW-Stout Hall of Fame in 1985, receiving the UW-Stout Distinguished Service Award for his continued support of UW-Stout’s athletic programs. In 1998 he was honored and inducted into the Bowling Hall of Fame.

Father Blecha, one of Michelbook’s good friends, noted, “I’m happy for UW-Stout and the community, and I’m happy for Maurie. It’s nice to see someone from our generation set the pace for the campaign.”

Steve Vande Berg, chair of the community campaign and former president of the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce, said it was fitting a long-time member of the Chamber of Commerce had made the first major community gift to the project. Steve stated, “Maurie recognizes the benefits of the proposed recreation complex and has invested in the project for the benefit of students, the community and the Chippewa Valley.”



Joe Larkin and Maurie Michelbook

Michelbook and his wife, the former Bee Sand, enjoy living in both Menomonie and Sun City, Ariz., so they can enjoy good weather the year round and Maurie won’t miss a day of playing golf.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen praised

Michelbook for his generosity. “We are most appreciative of his involvement through the years with the athletic programs and consider this gift a statement of his loyalty and embodiment of the campaign. It is truly exciting to have his financial backing.”

St. Paul Construction establishes risk control professorship

Dan Murphy, vice president, St. Paul Construction loss control, announced the partnership with UW-Stout to fund a professorship in the construction risk control area in the amount of \$50,000. The intent of St. Paul Construction is to increase the fund to \$500,000 by the year 2001 with the support of industry partners.

Murphy explained, "In an environment where injuries and fatalities can strike at any minute, contractors need safety conscious workers on their crews." Responding to the need to educate construction professionals in safety issues, St. Paul Construction partnered with UW-Stout's construction program to integrate safety, health and risk control issues into existing courses.

According to John Olson, the university's risk control program director, "The goal of the construction management curriculum is to assure that graduates receive indepth technical and

managerial safety components in the program so as they join construction crews their education will effectively prevent human and financial loss."

The professorship will provide the needed dollars to identify a resource person who will join the faculty expressly to address the most current related risk control information to students majoring in the construction program at UW-Stout, and to contractors and to the St. Paul Construction loss control division.

Olson noted, "This partnership is designed to meet the needs of the construction industry, students entering the market, contractors, the university and St. Paul Construction, and we're honored St. Paul Construction loss control has identified UW-Stout's program to partner with".

The St. Paul Construction Risk Control Professor will be announced second semester.

Dahlgren professors announced

Three UW-Stout faculty members have been named Dahlgren Professors, following action by the UW System Board of Regents.

They are Robert Horan, English and philosophy; Leland Nicholls, hospitality and tourism; and Claudia Smith, art and design.

Selection for the professorships is made on the basis of an individual's outstanding abilities and promise. The Dahlgren Professorships are two years in length and provide \$7,500. Funds for these professorships were obtained through the Stout University Foundation Inc.

The Dahlgren professorships are in honor of Reinhold and Borghild Eng Dahlgren, 1917 and 1918 UW-Stout graduates, who left a bequest to



Horan



Nicholls



Smith

the university upon their deaths. Emphasis in this award is to provide resources to improve teaching. This may include professional travel, attendance at special meetings and conferences, supplies, equipment, books, reports, periodicals, computer time, or secretarial or student help.

Gift to support students honors Riordan

A former UW-Stout student has presented a \$25,000 gift to the university in recognition of the excellent assistance he received from a staff member, Mary Riordan, multicultural/disadvantaged coordinator, while he was a student majoring in general business administration. This gift will provide services for students of color or students with disabilities.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said that the donor was a member of both groups and felt that services offered in writing assistance, academic monitoring, personal counseling and intervention with faculty made a difference in his life. "He wants to make a difference for others," Sorensen said.

The gift will be administered by Riordan, who works with students of color and disadvantaged

students as they acclimate to the university.

Students receive academic support in study skills, tutoring in writing and other subjects, and also participate in social programming and student organizations. About 200 to 250 students participate in some type of programming each year.

"The funds will be used to help students who need additional assistance," said Pinckney Hall, dean of students. "Riordan will hold focus meetings with the students to identify specific needs of students of color and those with disabilities, and implement the ideas during the fall semester of 1999.



Riordan

Shiell named Price professor

Timothy Shiell, associate professor in UW-Stout's department of English and philosophy, has been named the university's Maybelle Ranney Price Professor, following action by the UW System Board of Regents.

The professorship is one year in length and provides \$3,500. Funds were obtained through the Stout University Foundation Inc.

The professorship was established in honor and memory of Maybelle Ranney Price, who

died in 1993. Price received a bachelor's degree in 1945 and a master's degree in 1957 from UW-Stout.

The award is to be used for academic pursuits which contribute to UW-Stout's mission, including scholarly activities, public service and instruction.



Shiell

Endowed scholarship established

A \$250,000 endowed scholarship fund has been established at UW-Stout through the estate of the late Geraldine Raisler Hedberg, a 1951 graduate. Hedberg's contributions to the university over the years now total more than \$1 million, Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said.

"Geraldine recognized the importance of financial assistance for many students who attend UW-Stout," Sorensen said. "She was also interested in helping faculty and staff with research projects. She donated more than \$100,000 to the Stout University Foundation Hedberg Grants which were awarded for exciting new initiatives. Those grants resulted in challenge grants to further fund several projects and have provided significant research for UW-Stout."

Hedberg also endowed computer laboratories in Fryklund Hall. The facilities are central to programs housed in the College of Technology Engineering and Management. "She was aware of the costs and the amount of technology needed on this campus as it relates to our curriculum," Sorensen said.

Patricia W. Reisinger, assistant chancellor for development, said that before enrolling at UW-Stout, Hedberg had not planned to further her education because her family did not consider an undergraduate degree necessary in the 1950s. "However, she succeeded with the help and generosity of others, and she never forgot that," Reisinger said.

Mervyn's contributes to Stout programs

Three representatives of Mervyn's California visited UW-Stout to provide a corporate contribution of \$10,000 to the university.

Renee Ripley, district team leader and an alumni of UW-Stout, presented the check to Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen. The retail merchandising and management program will receive \$5,000, and Placement and Co-op Services will receive \$5,000.

Other representatives from Mervyn's were Brenda Gabrick-Brophy, district team relations leader; and Thomas Cherp, administrative assistant of District 425.

Mervyn's California is a moderate-priced promotional department store that specializes in softgoods. The company operates more than 250

stores in 14 states. In 1978, Mervyn's became part of Minneapolis-based Dayton Hudson Corporation and now operates nine stores in the Twin Cities.

In July 1996, Mervyn's California began recruiting UW-Stout students from the retail merchandising and management program. "When we recruit new team members to work in our stores, we look for people with a talent for guest services," said Gabrick-Brophy.

A typical Mervyn's store team is made up of friendly, enthusiastic people with diversity in their ethnic cultures, religious backgrounds and ages. Those are among the characteristics that Gabrick-Brophy looks for in UW-Stout graduates.

New scholarships announced

Two new scholarship gifts, totaling \$600,000, have been announced by UW-Stout officials.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen reported these gifts are anonymous, and both are endowments. One gift is for manufacturing engineering honor students, while the other is available annually to any four UW-Stout students in need of financial assistance. The scholarships may be awarded up to four years to the same individuals providing they maintain required grade point averages.

Sorensen commented on the "importance of a scholarship in the life of each student recipient. Scholarships not only provide financial assistance, but also honor the student with recognition by the donor and the institution."

Patricia Reisinger, assistant chancellor for university development, noted that 400 students were awarded annual scholarships totaling \$375,000 last fall during the scholarship reception on campus.

Four reasons to say "Yes!"

when an Annual Fund volunteer calls.

One:

Annual fund gifts support scholarships which attract the best students to UW-Stout.

Two:

Annual fund gifts maintain UW-Stout's margin of excellence among higher education institutions.

Three:

Annual fund gifts help ensure the value of your Stout degree.

Four:

Annual fund gifts will make a phonathon caller very happy!

Alumni Association News

A time to reflect

Endings and beginnings usually seem to be a time of reflection, in both our personal and professional lives. As we began 1999, and as we do every year, the majority of us took a few minutes to consider the previous year. During this time of reflection, we often criticize ourselves for not completing everything we had set out to do in January. Instead of being critical, let's celebrate all that has transpired during the year: victories and losses, good and bad, happiness and sadness. They have all been factors in shaping 1998 and us.

The Alumni Association has many reasons to celebrate. We welcomed 1,404 new members into the community of Stout graduates; hosted 12 alumni gatherings throughout the United States; held six class reunions; met with groups of international students; developed a new program for graduating seniors; hosted the years of service award reception and retired faculty/staff breakfasts; continued our relationship with Westconsin Credit Union to increase dollars for the scholarship fund; put a major face-lift on our web pages; assisted in the success of the Chancellor's Scholarship Ball; worked with Harris Publishing Company in the development of our alumni directory (*for more information and corrections please see the box below*); worked jointly with University Relations on the

publication of the Outlook; met with our alumni board of directors; and heard wonderful stories of the successes of our alumni. (*Make sure you check out our front cover story. Success can come in many forms.*) Yes, it has been an exceptional year, and I am happy to have been a part of all the activities.

What can we expect in 1999? That is up to you. This is your alumni association. You are the ones who request we host an alumni gathering in a particular area, work on the development of a new program, or that we try something different. You inform us of what's happening in your lives and the lives of fellow alumni. As I begin my third year with the Alumni Association, I will look forward to your comments and suggestions and, most importantly, I will look forward to meeting many of you. I encourage you to stop by our office, send a message...just keep in touch.

Director's Message



Sue Pittman

Changes in Alumni Board

As I wrote of endings and beginnings (see *Directors Message*), I was reminded of the changes in the Alumni Association Board of Directors. While three of the most terrific board members completed their terms (*certainly not an ending of their association with us*), new members have joined the ranks. The board of directors also, regrettably, accepted the resignation of Roman Gill who was unable to complete his term.

Outgoing board members, Shirley Graham, Joanne Leonard and John Ostrowski, have jointly served the Alumni Association in various capacities for a total of 23 years. The Alumni Association owes each of these individuals a tremendous thanks for their investment in this organization. Personally, I owe them a great deal of thanks for their direction and support during my first two years in this office. Although we will miss their participation on the board of directors, we will look forward to working with Shirley, Joanne, John and Roman through their participation in committees and other activities.

I take great pride in welcoming our new board members. This is another group of exceptional people (*which shouldn't surprise me as they are, after all, Stout alums*).

Janis Ball Briesemeister '88, general business

administration, is employed as a senior material control analyst with 3M Commercial Graphics Division. Briesemeister, husband Bob and son Alex reside in Hudson.

Amy DeCurtins Double '94, marketing education, is employed as a vaccine specialist with Merck and Company Inc. Double and her husband Eric '95, general business administration, reside in Woodbury, Minn.

Duane (Rumpy) Ramberg BS '65, industrial education, MS '71, guidance and counseling, retired from public education after 30 years serving as a teacher, administrator and counselor. Since retirement, Ramberg has begun to "clown around." He returned to Clown School and now serves the public as Rumpy. Ramberg and wife Sandy reside in Minneapolis.

Alfred (Butch) Schultz '65, industrial education, retired as manager of communication services after 29 years of employment with 3M. More recently, he started a new business, Cubs Care and Construction, with his sons. "I love the Chicago Cubs and odd jobs," Schultz commented. He and his wife Marian (Hammond) BS '66, home economics education, MS '69, home economics, reside in Hudson.

Corrections to alumni directory

Although all efforts are put forth to publish correct information, errors do occur. Please accept our most sincere apologies for any incorrect information found in our alumni directory. Please note the following corrections which have come to our attention:

Inadvertently listed as deceased:

Grace Laudon Ostenso '54
Omer Benn '48
James R. Ekern '87

Listed as unknown or incorrect address:

Christopher Wells '87
1139 Hawthorne Avenue East
St. Paul, MN 55106
612/774-4471

James R Ekern '87
3105 Oregon Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55426
612/925-4713

Degree not listed:

Patrick Iannone MS '63
Industrial Education

Committee seeks board nominations

The Nominating Committee of the UW-Stout Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors. Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations by completing the form below and returning it, along with the nominee's current resume, to the UW-Stout Alumni Association, Nominations Committee, Louis Smith Tainter House, PO Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790. All nominations and resumes will be kept on file for future consideration.

Nominees should be:

- Willing to serve a two-year term on the board of directors.
- Able to attend two meetings held in Menomonie, annually.
- Willing to serve actively on committees as needed.



Board of Directors: Row 1 (l to r) Irv Lathrop '50; Kevin Miller '90; Julie Beaver Kinney '76; Bill Burmesch BS '72, MS '80. Row 2 (l to r) Kent Korth BS '85, MS '96; Sue Pittman '82; Amy DeCurtins Double '94; Duane Ramberg BS '65, MS '71. Row 3 (l to r) Sean Hade '74; Chris Lancette '83; Johnson Afolayan BA '80, MS '81; Susan Mark Roman '80; Tom Fonfara '84; Ann Warmka Ward '87. Row 4 (l to r) Todd Trautmann '84; Alfred (Butch) Schultz '65; Janis Ball Briesemeister '88; Marilyn Krause Leccesse '74. Missing: JoAnn Prange '88; Carol Hansen Miller '51; Debbie Wiedrich Ruemler '74.

Serving on Alumni Board a "link with the future"

At the time I was first approached to serve on the alumni board, I made a serious mistake in judgement. I think I was drawn to join the board, in part, by a mistaken belief that I could re-establish a link with the past. I remembered the great years at Stout and thought this would be a chance to "go back" and, in some small way, "give back" to a fine institution. However, I was wrong.

Serving on the alumni board has not proven to be a link with the past. It is a link with the future. As always, Stout remains an institution focused on the future with a sense of the past.

Serving on the board is an opportunity to return to campus and perhaps meet some old friends, classmates and faculty. However, it is also a chance to make a lot of new friends. In addition to a broad cross section of alumni, the board of directors consists of representatives of the student body, the faculty and the admin-

istration. Board meetings are an excellent opportunity to experience, firsthand, many of the exciting changes that have or are taking place throughout Stout's entire community. The meetings also present time to share in the future plans and visions for this great university, and provide the alumni with a venue to engage in a dialogue to help model the future of Stout.

Certainly, the time demands of personal and professional commitments are enormous. However, strongly consider serving on the alumni board. The commitment is nominal. The experience far outweighs the burden. You will benefit far more from the experience than you could ever give back.



Hade '74

Sean Hade '74

Alumni Association Board Member

Alumni Association Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name of Nominee	Maiden Name
Year of Graduation	Degree
Address	
City, State, Zip	Phone
Place of Employment	Position
Employer's Address	
Employer's Phone	
Submitted by:	
Name	Phone
Address	

Gatherings

NRA Reception, Chicago, Illinois

Rick '81 and Susan Mark Roman '80 hosted UW-Stout alumni at a reception in The Signature Room of the John Hancock Building.



Korianne Hoffman '91 and Peter D'Souza.



Frank and Kristin Myers Kasprzak '86 enjoy the view from The Signature Room.

Las Vegas, Nevada

Several alumni and spouses gathered for a reception at the Tropicana.



Row 1 (l-r): Tammy Smothers Giljohann '86, Krishun Driscoll Stanton '86, Susan Muck Braner '76, Virginia Rosenow Train '63, Sheila Johnson '85. Row 2 (l-r): Linda Massie, Bill Massie '68, Jim Giljohann '85, Olaf Stanton '86, Steve Fried '75, John Train, Jonathan Swain '88 (the committee for Las Vegas 2000).

Appleton, Wisconsin

More than 80 UW-Stout graduates and friends met at the Holiday Inn Select in Appleton for a reception and to hear the latest happenings at Stout.



Row 1 (l-r): Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, Linda Hodne Wirtz '64, Jack Notebaart '29, Helen Chamberlin Braun '31. Row 2 (l-r): Gene O'Connell '75; Cynthia Borne Searles '64; Carol Ratner Sand '63; Pam Glesner Tompos BS '85, MS '86; Sara Kuhn '98; Sharon Gabl Buss '85; Joanne Johanning Sohn '61; Don Sohn '58. Row 3 (l-r): Mark Burwell '73, David Pawelkiewicz '85, Angela Little '94, Harry Miller '59, George Hendricks '71. Row 4 (l-r): Paul Huss '87; Randy Archiquette '82; Jeffrey Igel BS '89, MS '90; Art Uher BS '65, MS '65; Deb Lee '87; Jim Appleton '64; Sue Pittman.



Row 1 (l-r): Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, Jeff Brillhart '95, Jill Schroeder Brillhart '94, Chris Krekowski '96. Row 2 (l-r): Mark Dreifuert '73, Lenore Steffen Wespelal '86, Diane Britten Johnson '75, Darlene Pyatt Martens '56, Traci White '96, Chris Wurzinger Vander Wielen '96. Row 3 (l-r): Bill Schuh '90, James Kogler '58, Roberta Maki Ziebell '71, Diane Baier Meissner '85, Joe Vander Wielen '95, Mike White '96, Ann Appleton Stam '78, Arend "Archie" Stam '78. Row 4 (l-r): Sue Pittman; Mike Wespelal BS '87, MS '94; Sue Baier BS '77, MS '88; Lyle Martens BS '57, MS '62; Wayne Pick '91; Tom Harke BS '93, MS '96; Dave Passo '63.



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Reunion 98

Diamond Reunion



The Diamond Reunion in June honored the classes of 1930-1939 and brought back wonderful memories for those in attendance. Row 1 (l-r): Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, Ted Welander '30, Martha *Bubeck* Schmidt '34, Orvetta *Braker* Moltzau '36, Hugh Moltzau '36. Row 2 (l-r): Edna *Voight* Wolfe '38, Catherine *Kirk* Winberg '39, Henry Hulter '38, John Waniga '33.

Distinguished Alumni



Schmidt



Wright



Nero



Atkinson

Distinguished Alumni: Martha *Bubeck* Schmidt '34 was honored as the Distinguished Alumni during the Diamond Reunion activities; Larry Wright BS '47, MS '48 was recognized as the Distinguished Alumni at his Golden Reunion in June 1998; Wayne Nero BS '68, MS '77 was recognized as the Distinguished Alumni for the class of 1968 during their reunion activities in June 1998; and Janice *Kreher* Atkinson '78 was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award at the UW-Stout Homecoming Game in October. Janice also celebrated her 20th class reunion.

30th and 40th Class Reunions: Small numbers, great times



Class of 1958 Row 1 (l-r): Susan *Harycki* Tennesen, Muriel *Erickson* Foster, Ann *Janda* Larsen, Julie *Muenich* Poppe. Row 2 (l-r): Roy Van Dreser, Jim Kogler, Frank Burdick.



Class of 1968 Row 1 (l-r): Laurel *Reber* Sinz, Nancy *Rauhut* Van Heel, Lamont Meinen, Wayne Nero. Row 2 (l-r): Mike McLain, Sally *Morse* Meinen, Charlotte *Gomulak* Lee, Don Van Heel. Row 3 (l-r): Bill Massie, Gene Schlosser, Howard Lee.

Golden Reunion: classes of '47, '48 and '49 enjoy two days of reminiscing



Class of 1947 Row 1 (l-r): Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, Dorothy *Kopischkie* Doege, Eleanor *Busse* Johnson, Shirley *Waseen* Doane. Row 2 (l-r): Pat *Telford* Weege, Joan *Thompson* Pangborn, Margaret *Cox* Hittner, Dick McKinney. Row 3 (l-r): Zeke Prust, Mary Ann *Dodge* Prust, Carlton Ericksen, Bill Dresden, Phyllis *Johnson* Watson, Don Brill. Row 4 (l-r): Ed Holtz, Joe Serflek, Phil Christianson, Maurice Christianson.



Class of 1948 Row 1 (l-r): Chancellor Sorensen, June *Edeberg* Madden, Jean *Cantrell* Ratzer, Margaret (*Penny*) *Pennington* Swanson, Verena *Price* Thomas, Adele *Anderson* Hahn, Arlene *Pick* Johnson, Shirley *Erickson* Nooyen. Row 2 (l-r): Helen *Melville* Roberts, Beverly *Gikling* Schwellenbach, Aileen *Slocumb* Irwin. Row 3 (l-r): Miriam *Tebeest* Ericksen, Mildred *Frase* Williams, Emily *Slamar* Strahler, Bernie Hughes, Gordon Lindberg. Row 4 (l-r): Don Panghorn, Roland Kehrberg, Walt Dusold, Norman Watson, Ray Doane.



Class of 1949 Row 1 (l-r): Chancellor Sorensen, Joe Longo, Lucille *Lindberg* Granros, Eileen *Dillman* Bendtsen, Rose Mary *Olbert* Wise, Mary *Rudow* Snoeyenbos, Audrey *Harlander* Anshus, Rosann Bongey, Phyllis *Walsh* Pilon, Donna *Kragh* Rosenkranz. Row 2 (l-r): Mary Lou *Friberg* Krueger, George Zimmerman, Warren Thomas, Doris *Counsell* Osborn, Harold Osborn, Beverly *Rusdal* Dettmann, Harriet *Okuyama* Okino. Row 3 (l-r): Jack Postman, Don Lux, Dick Maliszewski, Bob Swanson, Ruth *Mathey* Thomas, Jean *Dillman* Larson, Jean *Schwalbe* Christianson, Stephen Grudichak. Row 4 (l-r): Gus Janssen, Dick Hogstad, Gerald Anderson, Barney Hazarian, Paul Partridge.

Faculty and staff recognized

The Alumni Association is proud to honor faculty and staff who have served the university for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years



Ten Years Row 1 (l-r): Su Darshan Perusek, Phyllis Williams, Christine Jones, Peggy Nelson, Sarah Williamson. Row 2 (l-r): Chuck Sorensen, Viola Krostag Jones, Ayub Hossain, Margret Kothmann. Row 3 (l-r): Helen Swanson, Lynn Harris, Ilse Hartung, Lelah Lugo. Row 4: Edward Armstrong, Mary Schwartz, Kevin Thorie, Mark Pruett.



Fifteen Years Row 1 (l-r): Jerry Duncanson, Gene Ruenger, Jan Hastings, Vicki Wampole, Robert Sedlak, Kenneth Pielhop. Row 2 (l-r): Scott Simenson, Bruce Johnston, Patricia Reisinger. Row 3 (l-r): Bob Cook, Marv Whitman, Bob Dodge, Randy Marlett.



Twenty Years Row 1 (l-r): Marian Ellison, Ann Sorensen, Jody Engeldinger, Christine Enger, Frank Kennett. Row 2 (l-r): Tom Micek, Darleen Dregney, Colleen Rogers, Diane Moen, Jim Buergermeister. Row 3 (l-r): Patrick Liebergen, John Lauson, Bob Schuler, Len Sterry.



Twenty-Five Years Row 1 (l-r): Dawn Steinmeyer, Rita Kosman, Gladys Earl, Karen Zimmerman. Row 2 (l-r): Michael Hunter, Fred Menz, Janet Polansky.



Thirty Years Row 1 (l-r): Connie Weber, Vicki Tritt, Paul Fenton. Row 2 (l-r): Stan Johnson, Courtney Nystuen, John Van Osdale, Dick Lowery.



Thirty-Five Years (l-r): Helmuth Pookie Albrecht, Rita Christoffersen, Orville Nelson.

Alumni in the News

Yurcisin honored for service

Ann Yurcisin, MS '78, Ed.S. '81, director of the Office for Students with Disabilities at Ohio State University (OSU) was awarded the Ronald E. Blosser Dedicated Service Award, the highest honor for service to the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). The award was presented to Yurcisin at a banquet held in her honor during AHEAD's 21st annual International Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

AHEAD is an international, multicultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for persons with disabilities, and a vital resource promoting excellence through education, communication and training. The Ronald E. Blosser Dedicated Service Award honors "individual members who have given extraordinarily outstanding, selfless and quality dedication and service to the Association on Higher Education and Disability, and whose service to the association has consistently been of the utmost quality."

The presentation cited Yurcisin's "leadership, professionalism, concern for the members of AHEAD and the association itself, her long-term involvement as a professional in the postsecondary disability service field, as well as her calm, friendly demeanor, traits that have made her one of the association's greatest assets." Yurcisin has served AHEAD for many years in various roles and joined its board of directors to

head up its marketing efforts from 1987–1989 and again from 1991–1992. Elected to the position of president-elect in 1993, she served as president from 1994–1995 and immediate past president from 1995–1996. Since then, she has been active on AHEAD's Past Presidents Council and is perhaps "the most consulted of the past presidents because of her warmth and her thoughtful and analytical advice." Her presenter commented that, most strikingly, she is "extraordinarily genuine and warm to all people, that she gives people curiosity and makes them feel special by asking questions, showing her genuine interest in them and, thus, giving them support."

Before coming to Ohio State University in 1996, Yurcisin was director of Disability Support Services at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, from 1993–1996, and director of the Services for Students with Disabilities Office at UW-Stout from 1978–1993. She has been in the disability services and higher education professions for 20 years. She recently represented OSU and AHEAD at the Third International Conference on Higher Education and Disability in Innsbruck, Austria. Congratulations, Ann.



Yurcisin

Wanted: Families With More Than Two Stout Graduates

Thank you to all who have forwarded information, photographs and stories on your families. It has been tremendous fun to see the history of many of our families and alumni. For those who have this on your "to do" list, take the time soon to send it in.

In a future issue of *Stout Outlook*, we would like to feature families who have had more than two members graduate from Stout. Please forward the following information to

the Alumni Office: name and year of graduation for each family member, degree earned for each, and relationship of family members (may include aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws—not just parent and child). Also include any interesting or fun tidbits of information. Please include photographs of all graduates, if possible. A group picture would be even better. We look forward to receiving your information.

Alumni Connections Online Community

The Alumni Association is taking you into the next century with an Alumni Connections Online Community, a cutting-edge virtual campus exclusively for Stout alumni. Features include Career Center, an online forum for career-related activity; Permanent E-Mail;

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Alumni Testimonials

What Stout Did For Me

"I am a 1982 graduate of Stout. I have been employed at Schreiner's Restaurant (*the busiest independent family-owned restaurant in the state of Wisconsin*) for the past 21 years. I began working at Schreiner's in 1977 as a dishwasher and by the time I graduated from Stout, I went through the ranks and was promoted to my current position as general manager. My most recent achievement was the Restaurateur of the Year award given to me by the Lake to Lake Chapter of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association. I am very active in our community and over the past several years have been involved in many organizations. Most recently, I have been involved in a pilot program called "W-2, Work Not Welfare." Currently, we have taken approximately 630 recipients off welfare and provided assistance to them in finding employment and becoming productive individuals in our community. The University of Wisconsin-Stout, a true benchmark of universities, has given me the necessary tools, skills and education needed to meet the challenges of the restaurant industry, as well as to help shape our wonderful community. My wife, Cheryl, and I have two children, Michael, 2, and Erin, 6. We enjoy family time with our children on weekends and days off."



Langenhorst

Thomas Langenhorst '82

"My years at Stout gave me a lot of valuable hands-on skills that I needed to be successful in my career. I use many of those skills, which include problem solving, communication and listening, on a daily basis. I could not have chosen a better university for my degree and would encourage anyone looking for a college where they will get personal attention, hands-on skills and great professors to attend Stout."



Hurd

Kirstin Brennan-Hurd '94

"Attending UW-Stout prepared me to be an educator—whether in the classroom for 10 years in both public and private education systems, or as a homemaker for our four children. The requirements for each degree I received strengthened the skills I needed to be a home economics teacher, workshop planner, presenter, curriculum author, pastor's wife and mother. Dr. Nancy Bean, a mentor like no other, encouraged and nurtured my budding skills. The course work encouraged self-confidence along with educational, organizational and consumer skills learned in home economics; home management; food production management and services; clothing, textiles, and design; family relationships and child development. The ability to speak confidently in public is also a skill I learned at Stout, along with leadership skills through membership in the Stout Student Association and Phi Upsilon Omicron. Thank you Mike Nicolai. Each instructor I had contact with or worked for nurtured and strengthened my abilities. I'd like to thank Chancellor Swanson for his dedication and vision for the future; Ruth Thomas for her skill in resumes and placement; Max Herback for writing skills; John Williams for dealing with family dynamics; Zeke Smolarek for humor and help in analyzing people; Sandra Gill for teaching technique; Denise Skinner for child development skills; Carolyn Barnhart for curriculum work; Leslie Koepke and Karen Zimmerman, my graduate advisers; the ever-present and always enthusiastic Pat Reisinger; and so many others. UW-Stout helped prepare me for my adult life. Attending Stout was one of the best decisions I have ever made."

Debra Kae Fischer Kenyon BS '79, MS '85

Mars brothers a winning duo



If you have checked out the August 1998 issue of the Stock Car Racing magazine and looked on page 82, you would have noticed the “kid” with the big smile holding the winning flag and a cardboard check (*the real one was in his pocket*). That “kid” is one of us. His partner, who happens to be his older brother, is also one of us. The “kid,” Jimmy Mars, and his brother, Chris, have teamed up to make a winning combination in the world of race car driving.

Chris '87 and Jimmy '95, both industrial technology graduates, did not have what we would consider the typical college life. “We had to sacrifice some things while in college,” Jimmy said. “We didn’t participate in other activities.” Working with their dad on the farm, keeping up with their studies, plus everything connected with racing and building cars allowed no free time to get involved. “Sometimes it was difficult,” Chris said. “I wish I would have met more of my classmates, lived in the residence halls and experienced more of the college life.”

Professional racing had been their dream since childhood. They would race three- and four-wheelers around their farm in Elk Mound before Jimmy was a teenager. Their determination and hard work has helped them achieve this success. “I don’t think successful people know what a 40-hour work week is,” Chris said. “By staying focused and working hard at something you want, you can achieve it.” Jimmy added, “A couple little sayings stick in our heads which we apply quite often: ‘Know what you don’t know’ and ‘Don’t sweat the little things in life.’ They get us through the bad times and help us cherish the good.” Both Jimmy and Chris attribute much of their success to their parents. Both agreed that their parents instilled in them good values and work ethics. It was always “get the work done before playing.” They also taught them a don’t give up attitude.

Commenting on their Stout education Jimmy said, “We’ve used almost everything we learned at school, from engineering to the business aspect of racing.” “We are not just building cars,” Chris added. “We are building a business. We have to market ourselves when it comes to searching for

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Jimmy Mars

sponsors. We have a web site, a fan club has been developed, and small cars (*matchbox type*) and T-shirts bearing our names have come as a result of our success. All of this requires a business sense. All we learned in college is applied in some way.”

Jimmy and Chris have demonstrated the true meaning of teamwork many times over. “Chris and I have always been the best of friends,” Jimmy said. “We probably have one of the closest working relationships around. I rely on Chris for suggestions on and off the track, as well as on the work that goes into our racing program.” The results of this teamwork have been extraordinary, and they have a room full of trophies to show for it. “The last three years we have really taken off,” Chris said. “We are now racing in the levels where we are being noticed. The next step is Bush Grand National, a division one step under NASCAR Winston Cup.” Jimmy added, “That is an incredible record, considering we’ve accomplished more in five or six years than many people have in their whole racing career. We have exceeded the expectations others had of us, but not our own. Each year we set new goals for ourselves. We’ve done a lot but we’re not finished.”

Jimmy reflected back to his days at Stout and commented on the quality of education received. “The professors were great,” he said. “Ken Neuburg, especially, was a definite help. He was always supportive and even though he didn’t understand racing, he went to watch me. I learned a lot from Ken besides in the classroom. He had a very positive outlook. I’m glad I went to Stout. I know it has been a big help in this business.”

The Mars brothers, as they have become known on the racing circuit, are looking forward to obtaining their goal for 1999 which is the NASCAR ReMax series championship. We wish them well. Congratulations, Jimmy and Chris.

Reminiscing

“Enclosed you will find a \$100 donation for the Foundation. When I applied for a teaching job in Flint, Mich., in 1939, I was night watchman at Stout. As I was making my rounds, the president’s light was on, so I went in to say hello. He said, “How are you getting to your job?” I said I had a ride but no money. He said, “Will \$100 help?” I said that would be great. “You must pay me back,” the president said. “I’ll do that,” I said. So I was on my way to teach in Flint, Mich. The president was Burton E. Nelson. P.S. I was 86 on January 11.”



Beckman

Earl C. Beckman '39

“Little did I think I’d be a home ec teacher. My interests were more in the medical field. But, it was during the depression and I felt fortunate in having a college in my own hometown. So, instead of the medical field, I chose home ec (*with no regrets*). Because it was the depression and I lived right in town, I did not stay in the dorms. I lived at home. However, it was almost like living in a dorm as my mother had girls from school live with us. Becoming friends with Dorothy Vaaler Spreiter '40; Carol Snell Kyle '40; Virginia Wild Hansen BS '40, MS '62; Mary Blair Vandenberg '40; and Marian Peterson Tremain '39 added to my college life.



Winberg

“The one time I did stay on campus was for my six-week home management course on Sixth Street. This was my first time away from home, and I felt a need to test the stringency of the hours set for curfew (*which was 10 p.m. for the girls*). Upon arriving at the Home Management House, after curfew, I found the front was unlocked and entered the vestibule. However, the door to the house was locked, and on the floor waiting for me was a blanket and pillow. Miss Trullinger was going to teach me a lesson. After a few raps on the door, she took pity on me and let me in.

“Now, living back in Menomonie, I have come full circle. I am excited about my upcoming move into The Oaks, an active adult retirement home. There I will be reunited with other Stout alumni, Ray and Shirley Doane, Bob and Helen Krause, and perhaps others. If other alumni are interested in joining us, give the alumni office a call, and they will put you in contact with the appropriate personnel.”

Catherine Kirk Winberg '39

Schmit Prototypes is Business of the Year



Photo courtesy of Dunn County News

Mike Schmit (*center*), won the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce’s Business of the Year Award at the Business and Industry Technology Fair held recently. With him are his wife Ann and Charles Yost, director of UW-Stout’s incubator service. Yost worked closely with Schmit during the three-year incubation period for Schmit’s business, “Schmit Prototypes.” See the employer profile, next page, for more details.

Schmit Prototypes Inc.

When Mike Schmit '82 transferred to UW-Stout from Iowa State, little did he know he would become known as the "Model Employer," a description given him by the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram in their May 10, 1998 issue. Just how did he receive this title? While still in school, Mike and his brother, Mark BS '76 MS '90, started a small business in the garage of their home on Ninth Street "building the first working models of consumer products." Mark left the business in 1987, and in 1990 Mike moved Schmit Prototypes Inc., to Stout's Incubation Center. The center, part of the College of Technology, Engineering and Management, was designed to assist small companies in the development of their businesses, providing low rent along with technical and business advice.

When Mike Schmit moved to the center in 1990, he had three employees. After three and a half years at Stout, he moved to his current location in Menomonie's Industrial Park with 20 employees. He commented about his time at the university center. "The Incubation Center worked great for us. It gave us an opportunity to expand more quickly and take more chances. Dr. Yost was a great help. I'm happy to have been a part of it. It was a good partnership, and we still have a good relationship. We still have students come and do some of their course work here, providing what Stout is known for, hands-on experience."

Just exactly what does Schmit Prototypes do? "We build the very first working models of numerous consumer products," Schmit said. "We don't do any manufacturing. All we develop are prototypes. A prototype proves the design. It can save a company a dollar to a million dollars in tooling costs because of design changes."

Although the company does no advertising, the client listing of Schmit Prototypes reads like a Who's Who of Business, from Rubbermaid tackle boxes to Naval Air Warfare Center gas masks to Compaq Computer frames for computer desktops. "We go strictly by word of mouth and reputation on the quality of our work," Schmit said. "Their quality and delivery come together," said Tom Cervenka, past president of Phillips-Origin Clean Room Molding and the medical devices manufacturing business units.

Included in the staff of 55 employees are 22 Stout graduates. Schmit commented, "Stout is our first choice in hiring. As I've said before, they offer hands-on experience that many other schools are unable to provide. Students can truly learn everything they need. Stout offers a good balance of technical and applied knowledge. But the bottom line is, it still comes down to the student and individual."

"This is a great place to work," said Mary Rybarczyk, a 1994 Stout graduate and Schmit Prototype employee. "It allows each of us to grow in a variety of areas. And, because of the different training opportunities available at Stout, I am able to mold myself into what this company needs." Andy Rabideau '82, one of the original employees hired by the Schmits in 1982 (*while still working out of their garage*) agrees. "This is an excellent company to work for," he said. "They have experienced a terrific



Schmit



Rabideau



Rybarczyk



Crawford

growth at a steady pace. And Mike is doing what he can to stay competitive with the larger companies when it comes to benefits and so on. This community, location and company fits my lifestyle perfectly. Sure, I could go to a larger company in a bigger city, but I wouldn't care to leave this." Justin Crawford '95, one of two persons who run the computer lab, says he also likes the physical location of the company, but the great thing is that "Schmit's has given us the ability to learn a variety of tasks." "I received a good solid background at Stout," he said. "They brought in two pre-engineer stations just before I left. They were a tremendous help in my work in the computer lab." Rybarczyk, Crawford and Rabideau all agree the outlook for Schmit Prototypes is excellent. They are looking forward to the development of a new company where their own designs will be manufactured. They are also appreciative of the cross section of skills in the company. "When a client comes to us with a problem with their design, we can usually find someone who has some knowledge in that area," Rybarczyk said. "We all work together. Also, this is a fun place to work. Fun keeps the creativity flowing freely."

According to Schmit, plans for the future include a manufacturing company called BRAINSTORM DESIGN. "We will develop our own designs and manufacture them," he said. An estimated 30 employees are expected to be hired for the new company, and an additional 20 at Schmit Prototypes.

As one tours Schmit Prototypes, you will find a dedicated staff of employees and high quality equipment, and as you look out the front door, a basketball hoop (*great fun for lunch time activity*). If you check out the back door of the facility, you will find several beautiful peacocks. "What better way to enjoy beauty and relieve stress," Schmit said.

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Romans dedicated to success

From UW-Stout's Corner III to the top of the John Hancock Building in downtown Chicago, Rick '81 and Susan Mark Roman '80 made the transition from students in Phil McGuirk's class to owners of one of the finest restaurants, The Signature Room, in Chicago.

Susan came to Stout via University of Northern Colorado where she was a business education major. "About halfway through the first semester," Susan said. "I realized this was not what I wanted. My family had a resort and restaurant in Door County and all the while I was growing up, my mom said I would end up in the service industry in some capacity. I had heard about Stout from some of the bartenders in Door County and made the decision to attend. It was one of the best decisions I've made."

Rick's trek to Stout was somewhat similar to Susan's. He started at Marquette as a pre-med student. Knowing this wasn't his field, he decided to attend Stout. Rick said, "When I came to Stout, I found my niche. I knew I was born to be in this business. The knowledge gained from the field experience and professors was wonderful." Susan and Rick laughed as they talked about some of their professors. Susan said, "Neville Cartwright was the only teacher who made me cry." Rick commented, "Lee Nicholls inspired me... and still does. Teresa Schulz was a great adviser. She kept me on the straight and narrow path, always saying to me, 'Let's look at this in perspective.' I thank her. I thank all of them." Susan agreed, even after being kicked out of Charlie Metelka's class for wearing overalls. He said we had to dress appropriately for the business world and overalls did not fit in this business. "Jim Buergemeister saved me," Susan said. "My mom was ill and I was going home a lot. He helped me through that very difficult time."

Prior to the Romans first meeting, a mutual friend, Scott Ohrwall '80, said to Rick, "I'm going to introduce you to your future wife." Their first date was in a restaurant setting as well, the Game Feast at TJ's in Downsville.

The Romans' path to the Signature Room was not direct. Susan started at Hyatt in the management program and soon became the director of human resources. There were also other employment moves for Susan prior to their opening of The Signature Room. Rick said, "I couldn't get into the Hyatt training program immediately but after a few months began working with them as manager of room service. This was an invaluable experience. In fact, all our jobs have been invaluable. We have learned a great deal from all of them."

In 1984 Rick was recruited by Aramark to be the dining room manager of a fine dining service site, the 95th of the John Hancock Building. "I fell in love with the property," said Rick. In 1988 he became the general manager and continued in that position until 1992 when the contract with Aramark and the John Hancock Building expired. By this time Rick was committed to this site. He, Susan, and another partner, Nick, made the "big" decision to form their own company and develop their own style of fine dining. "This was a huge decision. We knew we would have to dedicate our lives to its success," said Susan. Rick added, "We set out to make this a special place for dining, but not stuffy. We had to redevelop an approach to food service. We had great input from our consumers on the development of our menu and worked hard on making this a wonderful environment for families. We wanted to combine good value and excellent food and did not want



Rick and Susan Roman

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Rick Roman

price to be a deterrent. We have had a huge success with our daily lunch buffet. On Sundays we offer a 'for kids only' buffet in addition to the adult selection."

Getting to that point was not easy. The Romans did a complete remodeling of the interior and kitchen while keeping the restaurant open. "We did it in stages," said Susan. "We took away the Louie 13th chairs, the sheers that covered the most beautiful view, the chandeliers, and have made it more contemporary. It was very stressful at times but well worth it."

Susan continued, "We have been extremely fortunate and blessed, and it is very important that we share our good fortune with others. The first week we were open, we started a charity program. Each month we feature a special menu and charitable organization. Ten percent of the gross sales for that evening go to the organization." Rick added, "It was sometimes a little hard writing out a check to the organization when we were not taking home any paychecks, but we were committed to this. We realize the importance of giving back to a community that has allowed us such great opportunities." "In the first five years of our business," Susan added, we have given back more than \$350,000 to the community through our featured charity plus other fundraising activities with which we have been involved. Today there are at least 12 other restaurants in Chicago who feature a Charity of the Month."

Currently, Rick is chair of the Illinois Restaurant Association. "This has been an exciting experience," Rick said. "I feel our board has really made a difference, one that positively affects the consumer. It has been a tremendous honor to hold this position."

Not ones to sit on their successes, the Romans have great plans for the future. Plans are under way to open a banquet facility and conference center in the western suburbs named Signature Rooms. The expected opening is scheduled for the spring of 2000.

Rick and Susan again expressed the value of the education they received and the quality of professors. Rick stated, "Working on the Haute Cuisine dinner was the best experience. I knew then that I had to be on the high end of the food service business."

Next time you are in Chicago, make an effort to dine at The Signature Room, and let Rick and Susan know you are Stout alumni.

Blue Devil Report

Six enter Hall of Fame

The 1980s were well represented among 1998 inductees for the UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame. Renee Kasten leads the list of inductees as the first exclusively women's basketball player to make it into the Hall, and was voted to the Hall in her first year of eligibility. Kerry Hafner was perhaps the best tight end to ever play football for the Blue Devils, while Web Peterson was one of the top cross country and track performers in the conference in the mid-80s. Greg Ebsen was a point guard for the Blue Devils in the late 1960s, playing for the last Stout basketball team to advance to the national tournament. Two coaches were also named to the Hall. George Miller was a pioneer football coach for Stout in the 1920s and Tom Slupe, who was named to the Hall in the honorary category, served as the Stout hockey coach from 1972-83.

Renee Kasten-Hodell

Renee Kasten's name is not difficult to find in the Stout record books. Just look under rebounding. She owns the section.

Playing from 1984-88, Kasten sits 1-2-3 on the single season rebounding leader list, pulling down a school record 314 boards in 1986-87, her junior year. As a freshman, she recorded 297 and as a sophomore, 280. Not surprisingly, her 1048 career rebounds is a school record as is her 12.5 rebounds per game.

On a national scale, Kasten ranked in the top 15 all four years, despite being injured for much of her senior year. As a freshman, when she was named to the All-WWIAC first team, Kasten ranked third nationally, 12th as a sophomore and fourth as a junior.

Kasten made a splash her freshman year, being named as an NCAA Division III All-American Freshman and a Fast Break All-America. All four years, Kasten was named at some level of all-conference, including first team as a freshman and junior.

Kasten could also score. She was the first Stout women's player to reach 1000 points, tallying 1014, currently ranking fourth. Kasten served as an assistant coach for one year at Stout before graduating in 1989 with a business administration degree.

A native of Schofield, Kasten has returned to the Wausau area where she is currently employed as a buyer for East Bay Inc. She is also an assistant varsity basketball coach at DC Everest, her alma mater, where the Evergreens have won two conference titles during her two years.

Kasten and her husband, Mike Hodell, reside in Schofield and have a daughter, Taylor.

Kerry Hafner

Kerry Hafner set no records while he played tight end for the Blue Devils football team from 1978-79, and 1981-82, but he was an important part of Stout's high powered running game.

Known primarily as a bruising blocker, Hafner helped run interference for running backs Steve Burr and Bob Johnson, both Hall of Fame members, who set school rushing records. Hafner was an honorable mention all conference pick in 1979, then was a first team choice in 1981 and was a first team all-district selection in 1982. Hafner is currently ranked 13th on the all-time receiving list with 1006 yards.

Hafner signed as a free agent with the Green Bay Packers in 1982, lasting until the second-to-last cut. To prepare for his stint with the Packers, Hafner went out for track for the first time, participating in the hammer throw where he placed third at the 1982 conference meet.

After graduating from Stout in 1982, Hafner received his Ph.D in biostatistics from the University of North Carolina. He is currently employed by Pharmaceutical Research Associates in Lenexa, Kan., as the director of statistics and data management where he oversees 32 employees in the department.

Hafner has written 17 journals or books. He was named a 1993 UW-Stout Outstanding Alumni, and received a similar award at North Carolina.

Hafner and his wife, Terese, have two sons, Samuel and Ryan, and reside in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Webster Peterson

More than 15 years after completing his Stout cross country career, Web Peterson still shares the top cross country time with two other runners, clocking a 24:38 in 1981.

Along the way, Peterson collected a number of other trophies, including placing third at the national indoor meet in 1983 in the mile run. Peterson lettered three years in cross country, as well as three years in both indoor and outdoor track.

Peterson claimed the WSUC 1500 outdoor championship in 1983, coming from behind to win the event. Peterson qualified to the national meet in 1981, 82 and 83. He also placed third in the conference 3000-meter steeplechase in 1983.

Peterson has been employed by Marriott Business Foodservice since 1984, where he has received numerous company awards.

Peterson enjoys restoring homes and automobiles and established his own business, Classic Car Appraisal Service, 10 years ago.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, Kari Albers, and resides in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Greg Ebsen

While not a prolific scorer — he averaged 12.1 points through his four-year career — Greg Ebsen became more known for feeding some of the all-time Blue Devil basketball greats. During Stout's 1969 national tournament qualifying season, Ebsen set a school record in assists, dishing off 119 to the likes of Mel Coleman and Cal Glover, then broke the record the next year with 126.

Ebsen will be remembered by the way he could run the floor and the offense, then hit someone inside with the lookaway pass.

But Ebsen was capable of scoring, said his coach Dwain Mintz. "When he scored, he scored high," Mintz said. Ebsen finished up his career with 854 points and is currently ranked 28th on the all-time scoring list. He finished with 310



Kasten-Hodell



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career assists. Ebsen was steady from the line, shooting a career 81 percent.

Ebsen's best individual year came in 1970 when he averaged 16.5 points and was named to the all-WSUC team.

Ebsen is originally from Wisconsin Rapids and led Lincoln High School to a second place finish at the 1966 state basketball championships.

Ebsen currently lives in Papillon, Neb.

George Miller

During his decade-long tenure as coach and physical education director from 1918 to 1929, George "Bud" Miller produced a 1921 conference champion football team and a 1926 conference champion basketball team.

But Miller's legacy may very well be what he contributed to the practice fields. In a school well known for its industrial arts education, Miller constructed a forerunner to the blocking sled, something he referred to as a charging machine.

According to a 1918 *Stoutonia*, the "machine is constructed of huge timbers and the timbers that lie upon the ground are studded with spikes. The murderous machine is of tremendous weight and the Brute (*Miller*) assumes a commanding position on his fiendish work and forces the 18 victims he holds in his power to ride him around his domain."

Miller, a 1909 Menomonie High School graduate, was also a pioneer in the coaching field, holding summer coaching seminars on the Stout campus. He also wrote numerous books on certain phases of physical education.

But perhaps Millers' biggest contribution to

the world of sports was when he developed a type of needle used to inflate bladders of footballs and basketballs.

As the Stout football coach, Miller posted a 20-27-6 record, going undefeated in 1921 with a 5-0-2 record and outscoring opponents by an average score of 18-4. He posted a basketball record of 28-48.

Miller obtained the admiration of the student body. Three years after he left Stout, *The Stoutonia* was still publishing news stories about Miller and his successes.

Tom Slupe

Tom Slupe was instrumental in shaping the Stout ice hockey program, participating almost from its beginnings as the team goalie, then moving into the role of head coach beginning in 1972.

Slupe coached the Blue Devils for 11 seasons, enjoying the heyday of Stout hockey in the mid-1970s when the team posted their only above .500 records, going 13-7 in 1974-75 and 14-10 in 1975-76, taking both teams to the NAIA national tournament. During the 1976 season, the Blue Devils defeated the Air Force Academy. Slupe ended his coaching career in 1983 when the varsity program was suspended until the 1996-97 season. Slupe posted an 87-172-4 record.

Slupe did return to the coaching box as an assistant with Menomonie High School from 1990-93, during which Menomonie won a state championship.

Recruited as a football player, Slupe is still the fourth ranked goalie in Stout history, playing from 1968-71, and was the team's most valuable player in 1971.

An accomplished technology education instructor at Menomonie High School, Slupe also played a part in developing the Menomonie area youth hockey program over the years, serving on the board of directors from 1971-77, the association's formative years. Slupe was named the Wisconsin Vocational Education Teacher of the Year in 1989 and served as the Wisconsin Technology Education Association (WTEA) secretary-treasurer. Menomonie's cooperative education program was recognized by the WTEA as the program of the year in 1992.

Slupe currently resides in Menomonie with his wife, Jane. The couple have two children, Greg and Erin.

Spain gets Distinguished Service Award

Until her retirement, Judy Spain was a fixture at UW-Stout athletic events — not only at the games but behind the scenes. Because of her efforts, Spain received the UW-Stout Distinguished Service Athletic Award.



Spain

Spain, who was employed at the university in residence life from 1967-96, served as the Stout faculty representative to the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WWIAC) from 1989-96, but was very involved in the athletic department well before that.

Spain worked with the Athletic Committee, was a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, served on several committees to select coaching staff and the athletic director, was a member of the Physical Education and Athletics Task Force,

was a neutral observer of basketball officials and worked the scoring table for gymnastics.

As a faculty representative, Spain served as the committee's vice president and was the co-chair of the WWIAC's 25th anniversary celebration.

In her job with residence life, of which she was the director from 1972-96, she received numerous awards, both from the university and from various professional organizations.

The student/athlete was always a special focus for Spain, who fought relentlessly for the women's athletic programs during their formative years.

Spain presently resides in San Francisco, Calif., where she works as a volunteer for the National Park Service in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Retirement also allows her to pursue her lifelong passion for golf, playing in two leagues.

Alumni News

Class Notes

1939–1969

Elmer BS '39, MS '49 and Isabelle **Clausen**, Olympia, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 6. Elmer was president of the Stout Student Association in 1938-39 and was the recipient of the UW-Stout Distinguished Alumni Award in 1976. **Wayne** BS '46, MS '52 and June **Leopold**, Detroit Lakes, Minn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 27. Earl and **Charmaine Chopp Kneevers** '53, Sheboygan Falls, recently published a historical book, *The Kneevers Hotel – A Sheboygan Landmark 1887–1978*. The book was written to celebrate Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial. **Allen Loew** '55, Villa Park, Ill., was a teacher and coached football and badminton at Willowbrook High School for 30 years. He retired from teaching 11 years ago but still coaches. Lowe's badminton team won the Illinois state championship in May.

Rosalind Nuttelman Evans '61 has retired from teaching and has moved from Burlington to Clear Lake. **Mary Weiking Franken** '61 has retired after 29 years as a professor of family and consumer sciences at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. **Donald Stewart** BS '61, MS '67, Racine, retired in 1995 after 32 years of teaching, coaching and drivers education. He now enjoys his two grandchildren, casino hopping, football games and traveling. **Roger Williams** BS '64, Willmar, Minn., is a wireless communication instructor at Ridgewater College. **Lola Looker Schweitzer** '66 and family have recently moved from Kingsland, Ga., to Richland Center. Lola is a full-time homemaker and spouse Jim has recently retired from the U.S. Navy. **Richard** '67 and **Lila Christiansen Chiappetta** '67 recently became the owners and operators of a private party tea room in Carmel, Ind. **John Lorenz** BS '67, MS '68, Naperville, Ill., is principal of Naperville North High School. **Kathleen Buzicky Saladino** '68, Bellport, N.Y., was selected the Suffolk County Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year. **James Kuenzie** '69 is a laboratory manager for the Interior Systems Group of Lear Corp., Carlisle, Penna. **Larry Spees** MS '69, Gallipolis, Ohio, has been included in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He retired from the University of Rio Grande this past summer after serving as a professor of education and psychology since 1969.

1970–1979

Darlene Linsenmeyer Melton '70, Phoenix, Ariz., is an accounting supervisor for United Drugs, a co-op of 800+ independent pharmacies throughout 15 western states. **William Minter** '70, Woodbury, Penna., is the owner of William Minter Bookbinding & Conservation Inc. He has been manufacturing a special machine for the preservation of paper documents for 20 years. The Ultrasonic Welder for Polyester Film Encapsulation was developed in 1978 and is now used in 140 institutions in the U.S., Canada, England, Australia, Japan and Venezuela. **Daniel Stewart** BS '70, MS '71 is executive director of the Wayne County Council for Retarded Citizens, Richmond, Ind. The agency serves over 450 children and adults on a daily basis.

David Knutson '72 is dean of Hospitality, Health and Services at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, Ashland.

Michael Gallagher '74, Beaver Dam, was recently elected to the International Board of Directors of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (*SME*). An SME member since 1969, he was the first student chairman of Student Chapter 88 at Stout in 1973-74. **Joanne Carini Hagmann** '74, Mesa, Ariz., is the Maricopa County Tourism and Experience Partnership director. She is a liaison between business/industry and education for the School-to-Work program. **Gordon Hubbard** MS '74 has joined the mental health department at the Wholistic Health Center, Sheboygan. **Margaret Scheffer Tiller** '74, Iron River, Mich., was awarded the Milken Family Foundation \$25,000 Educator Award which provides public and financial recognition to teachers, principals and other educational professionals who are advancing excellence in education. Tiller teaches first grade at Bates Elementary School.

Marilyn Dean Bell '75, Tampa, Fla., is employed by the Florida Department of Professional Regula-

tions. **Robert Griffin** '75, Wonder Lake, Ill., is training assistant zone manager for American Honda Motor Co. **Kay Manger-Hague** '75, Chicago, Ill., has worked for the American Dietetic Association for more than 13 years and is presently the director of the membership team. **Terri St. Arnaud** '75, Austin, Texas, is a contract manager for the Texas Department of Human Services Family Violence Program.

Patrick Zolltheis '76, Albuquerque, N. Mex., was promoted to vocational rehabilitation and counseling officer for the state of New Mexico.

Charlene Peterson '77 is principal at Northland Alternative High School, Superior.

Michael Drefchinski '78 is chair of the math and manufacturing department of Blackhawk College, Moline, Ill. **Tony Gruber** '78 is a manufacturing engineer at Electronic Theatre Controls, Middleton. **William Schuh** '78 is president of Schuh Technologies, Kaukauna. **Bryan Thern** '78, Florissant, Mo., is a senior packaging engineer for Emerson Electric Co.

Jeanne Svendsen Mcllavy '79, Midlothian, Vt., was promoted to customer supply chain manager for The Pillsbury Co.

1980–1988

Calvin Fischer BS '80, MS '83, Ripon, is a technology education instructor at Ripon Middle School. He was previously a manufacturing supervisor for Meritor/Rockwell Automotive in Oshkosh. **Ronald Kubiak** MS '80, Appleton, has retired from Neenah Joint Schools after 32 years of teaching. **Anne Polka Swanson** '80, Manitowoc, is a preschool teacher for the Manitowoc Public School District. **Kevin Wilde** '80, Eden Prairie, Minn., is corporate director of employee and organizational development at General Mills.

Deborah Bilzing '81 received a 1998 Award for Excellence in Career Development from the Wisconsin Career Information System in recognition of her work in the area of career development. She is a guidance consultant with the Department of Public Instruction. **Christopher Bracken** '81, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is director of marketing for the Sawgrass Marriott Resort. **Shelly Radue Ibach** '81, Naperville, Ill., was promoted to director of stores at Marshall Field's/Hudson's. **Carmen Illing Parker** '81, Allen, Texas, is an agent with Century 21 Park One Realtors. She recently received the Master's Award for 1998 with a sales volume of more than \$3 million. **Karen Luckner Rom** '81 received a master's of education in school counseling and personnel from the University of Southern Mississippi in May. She is currently employed as a middle school counselor at Konawaena Middle School, Keala Keku, Hawaii. **Lauren Zarder** '81, Wauwatosa, is project coordinator for the Office of Information Services at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Lisa Anderson-Madera '82, Farmington, N. Mex., is president of the local National Association of the Education of Young Children affiliate. **Julie Domek Bryce** '82 was promoted to help desk supervisor at the law firm of Baker & Botts LLP, Houston, Texas. **Susan Nelson Greenway** '82 is manager of financial planning and analysis for Express Scripts/Value RX, Plymouth, Minn. **Patricia Stilp Heckman** '82, Menasha, is a project facilitator for Outlook Group. **John Monday** '82 has received a master's degree in engineering management from Milwaukee School of Engineering and is currently a manufacturing engineer with Donaldson Corp., Stevens Point. **Kimberly Eisenmenger Otte** '82 is a stores director for Barnes & Noble College Bookstores at Texas Woman's University Bookstore, Denton, Texas. **Stephen Tyink** '82 is vice president of human resources and quality at Bergstrom Corp., Neenah. Bergstrom Hotels is the only group of hotels in the nation selected as a Quality Property Resource by the 15,000-member American Hotel and Motel Association.

Patrick Gove '83, Round Rock, Texas, is a construction manager for Target. **Susan Metzger** '83 has opened a boutique, C'est Vous Inc., St. Paul, Minn. **Robert Schams** '83, Burnsville, is a regional manager for Bakers Square Restaurants.

Shelly Corcoran-Miller '84, Kenyon, Minn., is a long-term paraprofessional for the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and is also involved with the

early childhood family education programs in Faribault, Minn. **Thomas Fonfara** '84, Sun Prairie, is government relations adviser at the law firm of Quarles & Brady. **Daniel** '84 and **Cheryl Schlosser Johnson** '86 reside in Golden Valley, Minn. Daniel is an industrial engineer at Turck Inc., Plymouth, Minn; Cheryl is director of merchandising and marketing at Capitol Sales Co., Eagan, Minn. **Dean Lohmann** '84 has accepted a new position as customer service manager with Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis. **Rodney Meysembourg** '84 is operations manager for CAD CAM Inc., Columbus, Ind. **Jamie Walker** '84 has been promoted to print division manager at Davis Office Systems, Atlanta, Ga.

Daren Bloomquist BS '85, MS '87, Las Cruces, N. Mex., is president of The Hospitality Co. LLC. **Steven Gouge** '85 has been named vice president and chief operating officer of Harbridge Inc., Fond du Lac. **Jeffrey Taylor** '85, Lake Elmo, Minn., is employed by Dungarvin and serves on the board of directors of the Twin City Chapter 13 of the Association for Facilities Engineering (*AFE*).

Susan Woodruff Block BS '86, MS '98, Eau Claire, is teaching in the food and nutrition department of UW-Stout. **Daniel** '86 and **Katherine Pelegrin Koch** '86 reside in Green Bay. Daniel has been promoted to contract sales at Stock Lumber; Katherine is a facility planner with Krueger International. **Mark Lauerman** '86 was named vice president of manufacturing at Mastercraft Industries, Rice Lake. **Adam Lee-Lehner** '86 has received a bachelor of administration degree in computer information systems from Eastern Michigan University and is a technical support representative with Quantum Compliance Systems Inc., Ann Arbor, Mich. **Dudley Markham** MS '86 is the principal at Oaklawn Elementary, Menomonie. **Michael May** '86, Franksville, is a packaging engineer for Harley-Davidson World Wide Distribution Center. **Michael Spoerke** BS '86, MS '96, Wales, is a technology education instructor for Pewaukee School District.

Mary Olson Bellafronto '87 was promoted to area property manager at Bowen Property Management, Portland, Ore. **Mary Mindis Bresette** '87 is a jeweler at Matthew Powell Creations, Missouri Valley, Iowa. **Richard Hutter** '87 had his artwork shown in July at the Lead Gallery, Seattle, Wash., and had a solo show in November at the Zeitgeist in Seattle. **Ronald Jenkins** '87, Hudson, is an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments. **Gerry Kitzhaber** '87, Fairfax, Va., is a budget officer in the Army National Guard. **Eric Pierce** '87, Minneapolis, Minn., was recently promoted to senior commercial loan officer at Twin Cities Metro Certified Development Co.

Wanda Foss Bowers MS '88 is an instructor of mathematics and science at Western Wisconsin Technical College, Mauston Campus. **Kendrick** '88 and **Lisa Young Clough** '88 have moved from Mukwonago to Granbury, Texas. Ken has been promoted to territory manager at Dornier Manufacturing. **Cheryl Wagner Larson** BS '88, MS '90 is an elementary guidance counselor for the Menomonie School District. **Jerry Read** '88 is a project engineer with Midwest Engineering Systems, West Allis. **Tom Roth** '88, Orlando, Fla., has been promoted to director of sales at the 1500-room Orlando Marriott World Center Resort. **Eric** BS '88, MS '92 and **Lori Wright Severson** MS '90 reside in Watertown, Minn. Eric is employed by Schneider USA; Lori is a safety and environmental consultant with Integrated Loss Control.

1989–1992

Kari Abrahamson '89 was promoted to area director of sales at Residence Inn by Marriott, San Diego, Calif. **Aleck Aguado** '89, Amery, is a test coordinator for the Victory Motorcycle Division of Polaris Ind. **Mark Behnen** '89, Kent, Wash., is general manager of the Wyndham Garden Hotel Sea-Tac. **Jolene Masek Berman** '89 is a graphic designer and owner of 11th Hour Graphics, Pueblo West, Colo. **Kelly Schey Derlein** '89, Deerbrook, is a county social worker investigating child abuse and neglect referrals. **Elise Strynick Ellis** '89 was promoted to assistant buyer, Girls Toys, K mart Corp., Troy, Mich. **Renee' Durocher Flis** '89, is a stay-at-home mom who is an

active member of FEMALE (*Formerly Employed Moms at the Leading Edge*) and is also involved in the Elizabeth Ministry, an outreach program for women in need. **Colleen Lambert** '89 is director of catering, sales and marketing at The Course at Taylor Creek, Maple Valley, Wash. **Leah McKenzie** '89 is a registered nurse at North Memorial Medical Center, Robbinsdale, Minn. **Alexander Norton** '89 is vice president and general manager of Specialty Staff Inc., Bloomington, Minn. **Adekunle Oyeyemi** BS '89, MS '93, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is president and CEO of Integrated Community Resources Inc. **Christine Doucette Wells** BS '89, MS '94, Kansas City, Mo., is operations manager for MainStay Suites by Choice Hotels International after serving seven years with Holiday Inn as guest services manager and sales manager.

Linda Bahr '90, La Crosse, has been promoted to customer service coordinator/trainer at Century Telephone. **Kristina Freund Fischer** '90, Napa, Calif., is the beverage manager/assistant restaurant manager at Meadowood Resort and Spa. **Scott Noles** '90 is an assistant professor at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. **Craig Sabota** '90 is a product line manufacturing engineer for Paper Converting Machine Co., Green Bay. **James Simmers** '90 is a chef at Carvers on the Lake, Green Lake. **Brian Stingle** '90 is plant manager for Promo Edge-Menasha Corp., Neenah.

Gina Weyer Butler '91, is customer service manager at Ad Tape and Label, Menomonee Falls. **Kathleen Corrigan** '91 is a selling manager for Dayton's, Rochester, Minn. **Brian Freeman** '91 is prepress manager at Anderberg-Lund Printing, St. Louis Park, Minn. **Jennifer Grom** '97, Madison, was promoted to associate technical design/manufacturing specialist at Willis & Geiger, a division of Lands' End. **Joel Johnson** '91 is a senior designer for Campbell Soup Co., Camden, N.J. **Kristin Benson Jorgensen** '91, Delray Beach, Fla., has started her own consulting business, NuFitrition, which combines personal training with diet education. She continues to work as a dietitian at the Veterans Hospital in West Palm Beach. **Glenn Meysembourg** '91, Wauwatosa, is senior project manager for Golden Books Printing Group, a division of Golden Books Family Entertainment Inc. **Denise Hunter Pask** '91 is a retirement representative with American Express Financial Advisors, Minneapolis. **Sheila Doroff Voss** '91 is employed in product development at Rivertown Trading Co., St. Paul, Minn.

Randall Bailey '92, Madison, was promoted to product manager at Trek Bicycle. **Stephanie Breit Dean** '92 is market manager for Pleion Corp., Denver Colo. **Ann Meersman Griffiths** '92, Raleigh, N.C., is employed by IBM. **Andrew Hanson** '92 is employed in sales at Metro Hardwoods, Maple Grove, Minn. **Catherine Meyer Hufford** '92, Robbinsdale, Minn., was promoted to supervisor of the data integrity department of The Musicland Group. **David** '92 and **Anne Joseph Miller** '91 reside in St. Paul, Minn. David is rooms director for the Nicollet Island Inn, Minneapolis, and the Lowell Inn, Stillwater; Anne is a photographer for Lifetouch Photography. **Mary Moore** '92, Minneapolis, is employed in sales at R R Donnelley & Sons Co. **Eric Pederson** '92, De Pere, has received a master's degree in manufacturing engineering from UW-Milwaukee. **William Whitney** '92, Minneapolis, is an advertising art director for Kruskopf Olson. He recently helped create all of the television ads used during Jesse Ventura's successful bid for the governorship of the state of Minnesota.

1993–1996

Richard Anderson '93, Minneapolis, is a route sales representative for G&K Services. **Stacy Thielman Jost** '93, Monticello, Minn., is art director for Gateway Music Festivals and Tours Inc. **Sally Binkowski Kasten** '93, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., is a project manager in credit marketing for Dayton Hudson Corp. **Lia Ehrlichmann Kosmicki** '93, Richfield, Minn., is a branch manager for T.C.F. Bank. **Michael** '93 and **Lexi Hensler Kunding** '94 reside in Austin, Texas. Michael is a mechanical estimator for Dynamic Systems Inc.; Lexi is a technical recruiting manager for Victina Systems International. **Shelly Lewandowski**

'93 was promoted to assistant buyer at J.C. Penney Corporate Office, Plano, Texas. **Edward Roethke** '93 is a safety engineer at IBM, Rochester, Minn. **Gale Story Satchel** MS '93 is a vocational counselor at Deshler High School, Tuscumbia, Ala. **Wayne Sisel** '93, Eagan, Minn., is the owner of Market America. **Kelly Schmidler Svastics** '93 is a teacher at Fullbright Elementary, Canoga Park, Calif. **Dennis Tarnowski** '93, Brookfield, is post-press manager at Visual Systems Inc. **Kristin Verhulst** '93 is senior conference manager at the Salishan Lodge Conference Center Resort, Gleneden Beach, Ore. **Tara Wirz** '93, Plymouth, Minn., is a manufacturer's representative for Rosemount Office Systems.

Gretchen Benson '94, Madison, was promoted to sales representative at Park Printing House. **Jay** '94 and **Christy Nowicki Glocke** '95 reside in Appleton. Both are employed at Procter and Gamble in Green Bay where Jay is a raw material engineer and Christy is an integrated planner. **Wade Heidmann** '94 was promoted to manager of application engineering at Plus Delta Performance, La Crosse. **Julie Esser Kent** '94 is an interim recruiting manager in Lakeville, Minn. **Aaron Keopple** '94, Owatonna, Minn., is an executive associate with Hansen & Assoc. **Corby Klein** '94 is a manufacturing packaging engineer at Medtronic Neurological, Columbia Heights, Minn. **Justin** '94 and **Angela Hockert Martin** '97 reside in Woodbury, Minn. Justin is employed by Aramark at the University Minnesota Carlson School of Management; Angela is employed by Textilis, St. Paul. **Bradley Preissel** '94 is manager of the Blackhawk Motel, Wisconsin Dells. **Renee Kirscht Rascher** '94 is an associate at Nelson, Tietz & Hoye, Minneapolis. **Paul Smith** '94 is a project engineer with McKechnie Plastic Components, Minneapolis. **Douglas Thornton** '94, Henderson, Nev., is superintendent of the Venetian Project in Las Vegas for Lehrer McGovern Bovis. **Sharon Allen VanDeWalker** '94 is a clinical dietitian at Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, Minn.

Jeffrey '95 and **Julie Lee Bowe** '95 have moved from Eagan, Minn., to Eau Claire where Jeffrey is a sales representative for Westburne Supply. **Joseph Carollo** '95, Menomonie, has completed a master's degree in sports administration at UW-La Crosse and is currently assistant men's basketball coach at UW-Stout. **Timothy Irwin** '95 is an applications programmer for Trans World Radio, Cary, N.C. **Dawn Litwiller** '95 is the admissions officer at Johnson & Wales University, Charleston, S.C. **Jason Stingle** '95 is a packaging designer for the Promo Edge division of Menasha Corp., Menomonee Falls. **Jared Wesenick** '95 was promoted to manager of the Machine Development Center at Greenheck Fan Corp.

Allison Humphreys Bahr '96, Stillwater, Minn., is a financial analyst for U.S. Bancorp. **Brian Cress** '96, Oshkosh, is a customer service representative for Oshkosh B'Gosh Inc. **Keith Drays** '96 is a project manager/estimator at Westphal Electrical Contracting, Janesville. **Linde Clare Grindle** BA '96, MS '98, is an organizational consultant for Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis, Minn. **Stacy Farrar Jacobs** '96, Delavan, is a first grade teacher for Genoa City Joint Schools. **Nicole Hansel Johnson** '96 is a unit therapist at Homme Youth and Family Programs, Wittenberg. **Amy Kamasky** '96, Baraboo, is a school psychologist for the Baraboo School District. **Amy Scheer Keating** '96 is a human resources assistant at Temple-Inland Mortgage Corp., Bloomington, Minn. **Thomas** '96 and **Carrie Sankey Moore** '95 reside in Oakdale, Minn. Thomas is a network engineer for Room & Board; Carrie is assistant manager of special markets at U.S. Satellite Broadcasting. **Joel Nielsen** '96, Succasunna, N.J., is a material control supervisor for Ford Motor Co. **Tina Meyer Olson** '96 is a special education teacher in Silver Bay, Minn. **Stephanie Pekarske** '96, Benton Harbor, Mich., is general manager of Courtyard by Marriott. **Garth Peterson** '96 is general manager of Holiday Inn Hotel, York, Penna. **Traci Bjerregaard White** '96, Oshkosh, is associate manager of Applebee's.

1997-1998

Jonette Dassow '97 recently received the Certified Lodging Manager designation from the American Hotel and Motel Association. She is employed by AmericInn International, Minnetonka, Minn., as franchise services coordinator. **Gregory Else** '97 is an analyst with Andersen Consulting, Chicago, Ill. **An-**

drew Farrar '97 is employed by Employment Solutions Inc., Milwaukee. **Todd Koehler** '97, Carroll, Iowa, is a salesman for Ikon Offices Solutions. **Laurel Schneider Hill** '97 is a kindergarten teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools. **Christine Kambeitz** '97, Richfield, Minn., is a membership associate at Hospitality Minnesota. **Spencer** '97 and **Nicole Miller Medgaarden** '96 reside in Stewartville, Minn. Spencer is employed at Southwest Sales, Austin, Minn.; Nicole is employed by the accounting firm of McGladrey and Pullen, Rochester, Minn. **Jennifer Maxwell Morstadt** '97 is a management trainee with Kohl's, Chicago, Ill. **Amy Riddle** Ed.S. '97 is a school guidance counselor in Shaktoolik, Alaska, and the Carl Perkins specialist for 15 Alaskan Bush villages of the Bering Strait School District.

Jane Accola '98, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., is an information associate with EDS. **Bridgit Bipes** '98, Eau Claire, is a seminar coordinator for IDEXX Informatics. **Melissa Brandt** '98 is a software engineer at IBM, Rochester, Minn. **Sarah Branstad** '98, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a software engineer for Information Advantage. **Todd Dehmer** '98, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a packaging engineer with Distribution Dynamics Labs Inc. **Amy Doepke** '98, Waukesha, is an employment manager for Hyatt Hotels-O'Hare. **JoAnn Dopp** '98, Concord, N.C., is employed in quality control at Royce Apparel. **Kristine Doverspike** '98 is a software engineer with IBM, Rochester, Minn. **Kristen Dowell** '98, Eau Claire, is a pre-kindergarten teacher for Stanley-Boyd Catholic Schools. **Alexa Eck** '98, St. Louis, Mo., is a technical assistant at May Co. **Nicole Feddeler** '98, Bolingbrook, Ill., is assistant banquet manager for the Hyatt Regency. **David Fichtinger** '98 is an IT specialist with IBM, Rochester, Minn. **Robert Finch** '98, Sparta, is a sales trainee with Arandell Corp. **Tim Florek** '98, St. Louis, Mo., is a training manager for Color Associates. **Holly Frenette** '98, Sun Prairie, is an IT recruiter for Aerotek. **Kristian Gamble** '98, Dayton, Minn., is a designer with Northern Cap Mfg. **Carlos Garcia** '98 is an account executive with Garcie, Plaja & Associates Inc., San Juan, P.R. **Jeffrey Gerber** '98, Pinellas Park, Fla., is a senior security analyst with Sync Technologies. **Amy Grems** '98, Hinsdale, Ill., is a sales manager for White Lodging Services Co. **Troy Hackett** '98, Rice Lake, is a manufacturing engineer with Parker Hannifin. **Angela Helm** '98, Madison, is an interior designer with Flad & Associates. **Barbara Howard** '98, Elk Mound, is a final quality control inspector for Johnson-Mathey Inc. **Theresa Isaacson** '98, Richfield, Minn., is an interior designer with BDH & Young. **Mary Jacks** '98, Lakeland, Minn., is a chemical dependency counselor at St. Joseph's Hospital. **Michael Kealy** '98, River Falls, is a technology education teacher for South Washington County. **Lisa Risen Kees** '98, Mondovi, is an art teacher for the School District of Mondovi. **Wayne Koenig** '98, Madison, is a graphic specialist with Newell Office Products. **Jeremy Kolbe** '98, Chicago, Ill., is an estimator and project manager for M. Ecker & Co. **Randy LaFaive** '98, Hudson, is a project engineer for Knutson Construction. **Shari Liebl** '98, Menasha, is a scientist with Kimberly Clark. **Alison Marschall** '98, Hinsdale, Ill., is employed by the Hyatt Regency Oakbrook. **Shawn McAlister** '98, Burnsville, Minn., is assistant general manager at Torgerson Properties Inc. **Amy Munzinger** '98, Columbus, Ohio, is employment manager for Hyatt Hotels. **Bridget Naas** '98, Dodgeville, is a quality assurance apprentice at Lands' End. **Daniel Neils** '98, Racine, is an account project manager with Color Arts Inc. **Matthew Rolli** '98, Baldwin, is a graphic designer with Applied Designs. **James Romeo** '98 is a manager at Disney Institute, Orlando, Fla. **Michael Runholt** MS '98 is an ADA accessibility specialist at Options Resource Center for Independent Living, East Grand Forks, Minn. **Elizabeth Salge** '98, Mapleton, Minn., is a management trainee with Target. **Jill Salzmann** '98 is employed in retail management at Proffitt's Inc.-Younkers. **Craig Sandbulte** '98, Willmar, Minn., is a manufacturing engineer at Dahlberg Inc. **Daniel Schmidt** '98, Eagan, Minn., is a production coordinator for World Aerospace Corp. **Debra Shew** '98, Chippewa Falls, is a manager for Minnetonka Mist. **Garrett Slawson** '98, St. Charles, Ill., is a restaurant manager for Brinker International. **Marsha Snarski** '98, Roseville, Minn., is lead teacher at St. Paul's Childhood Center. **Tricia Fritschler Sorensen** '98,

Menomonie, is a community living specialist with Lutheran Social Services. **Sam Statz** '98, Manitowoc, is employed by Hoffman Corp. **Rebecca Stockburger** '98, Tampa, Fla., is an advertising consultant for The Flyer. **Heidi Styer** '98, Menomonie, is a legal assistant with Schembera, Rivard & Stewart. **Maria Therres** '98, Vermillion, Minn., is a second grade teacher at St. John's School. **Dana Thom** '98, Sherburn, Minn., is an executive trainee at Lord & Taylor. **Justin Waite** '98, Allentown, Penna., is an account manger

Marriages

Linda Van Ruiswyk Parnham '71 to Michael Blanton, May 9. Couple resides in Smyrna, Tenn. **Karen Lucker** '81 to Frank Rom, June 27. Couple resides in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. **Lori Mehring** '81 to Stephen Wyckoff, July 25. Couple resides in New York, N.Y. **Susan Nelson** '82 to **Steve Greenway** '83, June 20. Couple resides in Chaska, Minn. Kelly Steiner to **Bradley Harnisch** '87, July 8. Couple resides in Cottage Grove. Tracy Delsart to **James Hobbick** '88, Jan. 17, 1998. Couple resides in Green Bay. **Colleen Hartmon** '88 to Patrick Bollom, July 25. Couple resides in St. Paul, Minn. **Elise Strysick** '89 to William Ellis, Oct. 18, 1997. Couple resides in Lake Orion, Mich. Kerri Aschenbrenner to **Jay Link** '90, June 27. Couple resides in Minong. Kari Walker to **Jeffery Kaufman** '90, June 21, 1997. Couple resides in Seattle, Wash. **Kristin Benson** '91 to John Jorgensen, April 27, 1998. Couple resides in Delray Beach, Fla. **Peggy Hughes** '91 to Anthony Rasberry, Sept. 26. Couple resides in Green Bay. **Denise Hunter** '91 to David Pask, June 6. Couple resides in Mounds View, Minn. Lisa Pauly to **Joel Johnson** '91, April 3, 1998. Couple resides in Mount Laurel, N.J. **Gina Weyer** '91 to Paul Butler, Aug. 1. Couple resides in Menomonee Falls. **Ann Meersman** '92 to Ronald Griffiths, April 1998. Couple resides in Raleigh, N.C. **Kristine Murphy** '92 to Christopher Ihrke, June 6. Couple resides in Rochester, Minn. **Sally Binkowski** '93 to Scott Kasten, Sept. 12. Couple resides in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. **Tina Holschbach** '93 to **Kraig Vandervort** '92, June 20. Couple resides in Roseville, Minn. **Tina Sackrison** '93 to **Marc Raasch** '93, Sept. 19. Couple resides in Bloomington, Minn. **Kelly Schmidler** '93 to Stephen Svastics, July 11. Couple resides in West Los Angeles, Calif. **Gale Story** MS '93 to Melcha Satchel, June 21, 1997. Couple resides in Sheffield, Ala. **Stacy Thielman** '93 to Gregory Jost, Sept. 12, 1997. Couple resides in Monticello, Minn. De Anna Baumann to **Wade Heidmann** '94,

Deaths

Myrtle Krohn Rogers '21, July 7, Las Animas, Calif. **Lydia Gauvin Smith** Dip. '24, March 1998, Huntsville, Ala. **Gladys Nockleby Chronquist** Dip. '25, Aug. 1, Marshfield. **Alva Ades Anger** Dip. '32, April 26, 1998, Wautoma. **Alice Lynum** '33, Wantagh, N.Y. **Annette McDonald Weingarten** '34, Nov. 9, West Salem. **Helmer Martinson** '35, Jan. 11, Knoxville, Tenn. **Russell May** '35, Jan. 9, Menomonie. **Lawrence Kaiser** '36, Dec. 1, 1997, Park Ridge, Ill. **Anita Nelson Loken** '37, Nov. 3, Madison. **Stanley Sorensen** '39, June 11, Kenosha. **Ruth Laatsch Turner** '39, July 31, 1997, Littleton, Colo. **Dorothy Bousley Riedl** '40, July 29, Iron River. **Ray Katekaru** '40, July 22, Honolulu, Hawaii. **Elizabeth "Betty" Quilling Lovance** BS '40, MS '65, April 1, 1998, Racine. **Mary Blair Vandenberg** '40, Nov. 1, Los Altos, Calif. **Gracia Green Harper** '41, May 17, San Diego, Calif. **Russell White** '42, Aug. 27, Madison. **Yaso Abe** MS '47, Oct. 1, Wahiawa, Hawaii. **Margon (Bud) Berg** BS '49, MS '50, July 6, Shawano. **Harold Tulip** '49, Sept. 20, Marinette. **Alfred Goto** '51, March 1998, Hilo, Hawaii. **Robert B. Hanson** BS '51, MS '70, June 15, Appleton. **Arthur Hight** MS '52, July 25, College Place, Wash.

for Brown Printing Co. **Michelle Weber** '98, Eagan, Minn., is a corporate catering trainee with the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. **Laura Wiedenhoeft** '98 is a first grade teacher for Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nev. **Brian Wieneri** '98, Edgerton, is a teacher for Edgerton Schools. **Kimberly Gerber Will** '98, Hudson, is a kindergarten teacher at Kid's Choice. **Steven Zahn** '98, St. Paul, Minn., is a designer for Nordquist Sign Co.

May 2. Couple resides in West Salem. **Julie Esser** '94 to Eric Kent, Sept. 6, 1997. Couple resides in Apple Valley, Minn. **Kris Noziska** '94 to **Dan Westin** '97, Sept. 19. Couple resides in Richfield, Minn. **Jennifer Putz** '94 to Andrew Meelberg, Oct. 4, 1997. Couple resides in Eden Prairie, Minn. **Rebecca Anders** '95 to Michael Keenan '97, July 11. Couple resides in Fridley, Minn. **Nichole Lundberg** '95 to **Mark Tilc** '97, July 11. Couple resides in Richfield, Minn. **Stacie Murphy** '95 to Timm Reed, Oct. 17. Couple resides in Port Washington. **Carrie Sankey** '95 to **Thomas Moore** '96, Sept. 6. Couple resides in Oakdale, Minn. **Karri Spanbauer** '95 to Thomas Blik, May 23. Couple resides in Green Bay. **Christine Sturgis** '95 to Michael Wood, June 6. Couple resides in Kasson, Minn. Christine Vanden Bush to **Bruce Christensen** '95, July 11. Couple resides in Denmark. **Traci Bjerregaard** '96 to **Michael White** '96, Aug. 15. Couple resides in Oshkosh. **Linde Clare** BA '96, MS '98 to Michael Grindle, Jan. 16, 1998. Couple resides in Menomonie. **Nicole Hansel** '96 to Nathan Johnson, Nov. 15, 1997. Couple resides in Wittenberg. **Tina Meyer** '96 to George Olson, May 30. Couple resides in New York Mills, Minn. **Nicole Miller** '96 to **Spencer Medgaarden** '97, Sept. 19. Couple resides in Stewartville, Minn. **Libby Petersen** '96 to Michael Wallace, June 6. Couple resides in Menomonie. **Amy Scheer** '96 to Mark Keating. Couple resides in Prior Lake, Minn. **Amy Schoer** BS '96, MS '97 to Jeffery Junge, Oct. 10. Couple resides in Piscataway, N.J. **Michele Warner** '96 to **Jeremy Boe** '98, May 18. Couple resides in Barron. **Angela Hockert** '97 to **Justin Martin** '94, May 30. Couple resides in Woodbury, Minn. **Sara Schaaf** '97 to **Mark Jappinen** '97, June 27. Couple resides in Oconomowoc. **Laurel Schneider** '97 to Kelly Hill, Sept. 6. Couple resides in Milwaukee. **Amy Bakken** '98 to **Brett Walker** '98, July 11. Couple resides in Buffalo, Minn.

Carol Banner Kichefski '55, June 18, Phoenix, Ariz. **Earl Lewis** '55, Oct. 25, Whitaker, N.C. **Carolyn Solem Rock** '55, Sept. 24, Benton. **Mary Jane Gargulak Krysiak** '56, July 9, Pulaski. **Carol Frank Fredrick** '59, June 8, Milton. **Carol Smith Rankin** '59, June 1, Madison. **Mary Lou Schleis Smits** '59, Aug. 7, De Pere.

Frederick Antonneau BS '64, MS '71, June 2, Onalaska. **Roger Anderson** BS '66, MS '71, Ed.S. '82, July 30, Grand Marais, Minn. **Grace Miller** MS '66, June 17, Elk Mound. **Thomas Brantmeier** '68, Nov. 27, Elkhart Lake. **Romaine Lund** MS '69, Oct. 9, Eau Claire.

Frederick Mitchell BS '71, MS '72, June 6, Manistique, Mich. **Mary Gehrke McAllister** MS '75, Aug. 17, Racine. **Donald Branson** MS '76, Sept. 18, Eau Claire.

Louis Buytendorp BS '83, MS '86, Nov. 22, St. Paul, Minn. **Daniel Stoffregen** '86, Nov. 27, River Falls.

Shelley Pax BA '89, MS '91, Nov. 13, Birchwood. **Samuel Belnavis** '90, Sept. 10, Milwaukee. **Raymond Barbknecht** MS '91, Aug. 14, Northfield. **David Jack** '91, Oct. 25, Appleton. **Heidi Buckli Gavinski** '95, Sept. 7, Owatonna, Minn.

Births

A son, Matthew Michael, April 18, 1998, to **John** BS '67, MS '68 and Karen **Lorenz**, Naperville, Ill. A daughter, Aug. 28, to **Rick** '78 and Kathleen **Hardy**, Hastings, Minn. A daughter, Leah Marie, April 29, 1998, to Bruce and **Sheila Larson Flodin** '80, Farmington, Minn. A daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, March 23, 1998, to David Kneib and **Debra Pass** '80, Wauwatosa. Twin sons, Seth and Shane, Dec. 15, to **Richard** '80 and Joi **Sprecher**, Elk Grove, Ill. A son, Hunter Kenneth, Oct. 30, to **Scott** '81 and **Connie Baumann Matye** '80, Shullsburg. A daughter, Monica Jean, July 18, to Stan and **Susan Cash Swinick** '82, Mosinee. A daughter, Alexa Sotera, June 18, to Anthony and **Linda Larsen Dageenakis** '83, Longmont, Colo. A son, Brian S., Aug. 28, to **Brian** '83 and Patty **Heindl**, Mooresville, N.C. A daughter, Allison Rose, March 21, 1998, to Joseph and **Sandra Herbrand Henn** '83, Evansville. A son, Mitchell M., July 28, to David and **Joan Golembiewski Junkhan** '83, West Allis. A daughter, Regina Claire, July 17, to **Mark** '83 and Leigh **Zipperer**, Germantown, Tenn. A son, Andrew John, June 26, to John and **Karin Johnson Jacobson** '84, Brooklyn Park, Minn. A daughter, Sophia Rose, June 9, 1997, to **Daniel** '84 and **Cheryl Schlosser Johnson** '86, Golden Valley, Minn. A daughter, Laurel Marie, June 12, to Thomas and **Sandra Steffek Schreier** '84, Larchmont, N.Y. A daughter, Erin, Feb. 18, 1998, to Bob and **Margot Peterson Sheehan** '84, Columbus, Ohio. A daughter, Anjali Carol, Jan. 1, to **David** '84 and Meeta **Wood**, Elmwood Park, N.J. A daughter, Sophia Catherine, April 3, 1997, to Daniel and **Lisa Hruby Minning** '85, Marshfield, Mass. A son, Michael Kyle, May 14, to Michael and **Lisa Knox Moose** '85, De Soto, Kans. A son, Matthew Charles, Sept. 5, 1997, to **Kevin** '85 and Tammie **Stephenson**, Madison, Ala. A daughter, Macy Ann, Aug 19, to Rick and **Chrysauna Erickson Buan** '86, Chanhassen, Minn. A daughter, Greta Lynn, April 4, 1998, to John and **Linda Konkol Erdahl** '86, Duluth, Minn. A son, Zachary Colburn, May 29, to Donald and **Cheryl La Fountain Hinds** '86, Woodstock, Ga. A son, Noah Matthew, June 30, to **Michael** '86 and Suzie **May**, Franksville. A son, Jonathon Mitchell, July 20, to Michael and **Jean Feyen Niemeyer** '86, Appleton. A son, William Alexander, May 22, to **Paul** '86 and Melissa **Schramkowski**, Lilburn, Ga. A daughter, Emma Christine, Aug. 2, 1997, to Malcolm and **Mary Olson Bellafronto** '87, West Linn, Ore. A daughter, Madelyn Hope, June 8, to **Daren** BS '85, MS '87 and **Priscilla Cross Bloomquist** MS '87, Las Cruces, N. Mex. A daughter, Lauren Ella, April 15, 1998, to Jack and **Karen Hoff Drankoff** '87, Oshkosh. A son, Travis Thomas, May 29, to Thomas and **Geralyn Mundschau Kraft** '87, De Pere. A daughter, Allison Louise, May 22, to **Dan** '87 and **Heidi Anderson Kunst** '89, Eagan, Minn. A daughter, Birgitt Elaine, March 23, 1998, to Thomas and **Karen Johnson O'Connor** '87, Germantown, Md. A son, Zachary John, Jan. 27, 1998 to **Scott** '87 and **Stephanie Sterr Skorik** '87, Grafton. A son, Samuel Jack, April 21, 1998, to Robert and **Karen Danielson Medo** '88, Wisconsin Rapids. A daughter, Meredith, Jan. 28, 1998, to John and **Pamela Meredith Oakes** '88, Woodbridge, Va. A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, Oct. 26, to **Jerry** '88 and **Toni Ainsworth Read** '84, Suamico. A daughter, Emaline Marie, July 22, to **Russell** '88 and **Lorry Makis Strehlow** '87, St. Paul, Minn. A son, Jacob Ryan, June 29, to **Aleck** '89 and **Amy Zellinger Aguado** '90, Amery. A son, Christian Jeffrey, Dec. 16, 1997, to Jeff and **Sandy Sporleder Apps** '89, Avon, Colo. A son, Matthew Tyler, May 5, to **Mark** '89 and **Marybeth Wilson Behnen** '89, Kent, Wash. A daughter, Shalyn Carole, Dec. 12, 1997, to Michael and **Dianne Markowski Brady** '89, Chicago, Ill. A daughter, Autumn Lynn, June 20, to Bill and **Lynn Nelson Dressel** '89, Shoreview, Minn. A daughter, Kirsten, Feb. 19, 1998, to Todd and **Lisa Everson Kirschbaum** MS '89, Tomah. A daughter, Jordan Rae, Nov. 8, 1997, to Dale and **Donica Lukes Mohr** '89, Green Bay. A son, Cole Jamison, Sept. 17, to Jeff and **Lynda Straub Stephany** '89, Pewaukee. A son, Ross Gordon, July 26, to **Brad** '90 and Lisa **Bjork**, Eau Claire. A daughter, Rebecca Noel, Nov. 3, 1997, to **Gary** '90 and **Carol Bufo Busch** '90, Wales. A son, Nolan Gary, Oct. 31, to **Shane** '90 and **Tracy Kathrein Cleasby**

'92, Franklin. A son, Tanner Michael, Jan. 31, 1998, to Jerrod and **Staci Rosinsky Haessly** '90, Schofield. A son, Alexander Michael, Dec. 5, 1997, to **Chris** '90 and **Cheryl Wagner Larson** BS '88, MS '90, Menomonie. A son, Marcus John, June 6, to **Reuben** '90 and **Susan Stuber Mravik** '90, Holmen. A daughter, Alexandra Marie, Sept. 25, to **Scott** '90 and **Kelly Scharenbroch Noles** '92, West Lafayette, Ind. A daughter, Madison Ann, May 26, to Jeff and **Lisa Rosar Reichert** '90, Elk River, Minn. A daughter, Sydney Victoria, May 1, to Scott and **Kari Svoboda Roth** '90, New Berlin. A daughter, Marin Katherine, Jan. 12, 1998, to **Nicholas** '90 and **Tara Stahel Sowka** '90, New Hope, Minn. A son, Thomas Rudolph, May 10, to Mark and **Michelle Hanegraaf Vassallo** '90, Marshall. A son, Aaron, Nov. 26, to Ron and **Catherine Scott Anderson** '91, White Bear Lake, Minn. A son, Jack Steven, Sept. 29, 1997, to **Steven** '91 and **Amy Wilcox Henderson** '90, Menomonie. A son, Samuel John, May 15, to **Glenn** '91 and Kathleen **Meysembourg**, Wauwatosa. A son, Joshua Joseph, Nov. 15, to Joe and **Sheryl Olson Schill** MS '91, Gillett. A daughter, Alice Elizabeth, Aug. 21, to **Daniel** '91 and Mary Beth **Schindler**, London, England. A son, Myles Jordan, March 3, 1998, to Mark and **Vicky Anspaugh Van Der Linden** '91, Menomonee Falls. A son, Owen Michael, May 30, to **Randall** '92 and **Stacie Sturdivant Bailey** '94, Madison. A daughter, Rachel Colleen, Sept. 22, 1997, to **Troy** '92 and Deb **Franzen**, Cottage Grove, Minn. A daughter, Morgan Laurie, July 12, to **Todd** '92 and Tammy **Hank**, Slinger. A son, Dominic Allen, May 1, to Darren and **Catherine Meyer Hufford** '92, Robbinsdale, Minn. A daughter, Lauren, Feb. 26, 1998, to Kent and **Karin Weiman Locy** '92, Oregon. A daughter, Carly Michele, Oct. 3, to Patrick and **Kristin Moody Ries** '92, Hastings, Minn. A daughter, Paige Carola, June 16, to **Paul** '92 and **Christina Kier Steder** '91, Menomonee Falls. A son, Carter John, June 5, to Barry and **Laurie Cox Strunk** '92, Nicollet, Minn. A daughter, Alyssa Nicole, Sept. 22, to **Mark** '92 and **Laura Foulkes Thorne** '91, Chanhassen, Minn. A son, Noah, Oct. 11, 1997, to **Sheila Van Kauwenberg** '92, Oneida. A daughter, Allison Marie, Feb. 24, 1998, to **Edward** '93 and **Jennifer Welsch Roethke** '92, Rochester, Minn. A daughter, Megan Lee, Sept. 28, to **Daniel** '93 and **Darcie Leaman Sorensen** '92, Woodbury, Minn. A son, Brandon Jeffery, June 1, to **Aaron** '94 and **Jennifer Lee Erickson** '94, Mabel, Minn. A daughter, Emily Mae, June 17, to **Corby** '94 and **Kelly Roche Klein** '94, Stillwater, Minn. A daughter, Emily Rose, Nov. 24, 1997, to **Paul** '94 and Janet **Smith**, Hudson. A daughter, Mia, July 9, to **Jason** '95 and Ann **Stingle**, Jackson. A son, Shahan Asad, Dec. 2, to **Nameer** '96 and **Cristina Chibbli Ameen** '95, St. Louis Park, Minn. A daughter, Aliena Jean, Feb. 23, 1998, to Chad and **Stephanie Sand Brecke** BS '96, MS '97, Clintonville. A daughter, Molly Ann, Nov. 26, to **Jeremy** '98 and **Michele Warner Boe** '96, Barron.

Adoptions

Tony '78 and **Mary Workman Gruber** '76, Fort Atkinson, a son, Christopher Anthony, Nov. 11, 1997. **Alexander** '89 and Mary **Norton**, Maple Grove, Minn., a son, Zachary Joseph, April 16, 1998.

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Dianne Markowski Brady '89 and daughter Shalyn Carol.



John and Kristen Benson Jorgensen '91 exchange vows at the Canyon Overlook Trail, Zion National Park, Utah.



Kristine Murphy Ihrke '92 and bridesmaids Tiffany Gassner Gering '92 and Kaite Brem Bloom '92.

An apology to our readers

We've been experiencing "growing pains" with production of *Stout Outlook* recently. A particularly challenging period on campus for the offices involved in writing and producing the *Outlook*, coupled with evolving content and production problems, has delayed publication.
We don't take you, our readers, for granted, but we don't want to compromise on the quality of the publication either. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to correct the problems. We are discussing a number of changes in editorial content and design and our goal is to deliver an interesting and useful publication in a timely manner.
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Spotlight

Paul Andrew MS '75 received the Outstanding Graduate Award at the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Conference in October 1998. Andrew has been involved in the vocational rehabilitation profession for more than 20 years. Fifteen of these years have been in the management, coordination and administration of public and privately funded vocational rehabilitation programs. Throughout his career, he has worked both professionally and personally to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities through his work, writings and personal example.



Andrew

Since obtaining his master's degree at UW-Stout, Andrew has worked in various capacities including manager of vocational evaluation at Goodwill Industries of Santa Clara County in California; senior executive manager of Hope Rehabilitation Services, Gavilan Community College; regional training coordinator at the University of San Francisco, McLaren College of Business; national director of the Employment and Community Support Services division of the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF) in Tucson, Arizona.

Andrew is in high demand on the national speaker circuit and continues to promote strong, ethical self-empowerment and community-based standards for consumers of vocational rehabilitation services. Although very talented, ambitious and hardworking, Andrew's greatest successes have been driven by his ability to communicate to others that a need exists to continuously improve services to consumers, to enhance organizational design and to improve our responsiveness to community stakeholders.

Marine Capt. **Jeffrey D. Strey** '88 recently participated in a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).



Strey

During the deployment, Strey received training on urban warfare techniques, rope rappelling, close-quarter battle, weapons and small unit fighting. His unit also completed training in Hawaii which tested all areas of amphibious warfare, including non-combatative evacuation operations and amphibious assault. Strey and crew members also had the opportunity to visit Thailand.

Home based in Camp Pendleton, California, Strey's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. The 15th MEU can evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force ashore, providing the USS Essex ARG commanders with a wide range of capabilities.

Jean Vrana Barth '65 recently began her term as 1998-2000 Midwestern Region governor of Soroptimist International of the Americas, an international community service organization for business and professional women. As governor, Barth serves as the top administrative officer of her region, one of 29 within the organization.



Barth

Barth is a member of Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb, one of 3,100 Soroptimist clubs that perform women-focused community projects around the world. She has served Soroptimist in various capacities including club secretary, president and committee chair for the 1994 convention.

Barth, a former junior high school teacher, is part owner of Barth Restorations, a company that restores antique automobiles.

In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Barth has been involved with the South Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Clemens Womens Club, the Mount Clemens Business Association and the Model T Ford Club. She was awarded the Special Merit from the Model T Ford Club, and she serves as a contributing editor for the *Model T Times*.

Thor Burntvedt BS '82, MS '94, Ed.S. '96, assistant professor of marketing in the business department at UW-Stout, was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award by the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce. Burntvedt has taught classes for the business, industrial management and communications, education and training departments. He currently teaches sales and sales management and market research. He has been involved in numerous research projects and is a member of many committees and professional organizations.



Burntvedt

Jean-Marie Dauplaise '87 has joined Berry College in Mount Berry, Georgia, as a visiting assistant professor of rhetoric and composition. She will teach English courses which develop students' awareness and skill in the thinking-to-writing process.



Dauplaise

Dauplaise came to Berry from her position as adjunct professor of humanities for the Atlanta College of Art. After her graduation from UW-Stout, Dauplaise earned a master's degree in English literature from University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1992. She is a doctoral candidate at Emory University.

Dauplaise was the recipient of numerous research and travel grants from Emory University from 1994-1997. She received the UMD English Department Merit Fellowship for 1990-1991, the UMD Statesman Best Writer Award in 1990, and the 4-H Key Award for Outstanding Leadership in 1982. She is a member of the Modern Language Association.

James (JJ) Gigstead '85 and wife, Laura, opened their new restaurant, JJ's Supper Club, in Princeton, Wisconsin, in June 1998.



Gigstead

Gigstead originally started out as a dishwasher at Barnekow's (now Chipman's Supper Club) when he was 14 and moved up to chef at the age of 16. Planning to pursue a career in the dining business, he worked as a chef at Alfred's Supper Club in Green Lake until 1980. He went on to become a part of his family's restaurant, the Coachlight Supper Club, which is now JJ's.

After working in food service sales for 10 years, he decided to try managing. He was manager of Jake's Supper Club in Menomonie for four years. He said that making the transition from manager to owner was not hard. What keeps him going is the people he meets. "It's the camaraderie with so many different people and the challenges every day," he said.

According to Gigstead, another key to success is staff. Throughout his time in the industry, the main struggle has been finding good, quality help. "I've gotten lucky," he said. "I have a good group of people."

The restaurant has the usual Friday night fish fry and Saturday prime rib. It also offers a Sunday brunch. Nightly specials are created by Chef Dennis Kraemer.

Gigstead hopes that customers find a little bit of everything. He thinks it's important to target the local people, commenting that he knows quite a few who stroll through the door. But, Gigstead hopes "the traveling folks will enjoy us also."

Karen Brouwer Gunvalson '84 was named manager of the Terrace Restaurant of Lawsonia in Green Lake, Wisconsin. She began her employment with the Terrace in March of last year. Gunvalson has worked in the restaurant industry for 14 years.



Gunvalson

Since her graduation from Stout, she has worked for five Steak & Ale franchises in three states, eventually becoming a general manager. Thereafter, she directed food services consecutively for Leann Chin Chinese Cuisine, University of Minnesota's Hubert Humphrey Dining Center, and Marriott Management Services. As an associate of Marriott, she was instrumental in producing a combined annual sales volume of \$1.78 million for Prudential Insurance, Northwest Airlines and Fortis Benefits Insurance.

Gunvalson, who has earned continued education credits from the Culinary Institute of Arts in New York, will oversee the entire operation of the Terrace Restaurant which includes food ordering, inventory, banquets, special events, dining room, kitchen, outdoor vending services, budget, promotion and staff administration.

Anita LePage '78, a 1976 graduate of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC), was named their Foundation's Distinguished Alumni for 1998. LePage, who has enjoyed a successful 20-year career in the fashion industry, is now a freelance consultant in Petaluma, Calif. She travels widely, doing many promotions, shows, photo shoots for publications, and seminars. She works extensively with Mervyn's View publication at its Hayward, Calif., offices. Her last fashion show for Mervyn's was staged on a padded runway over an ice rink which was created for a performance by Kristi Yamaguchi. It was held in the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.



LePage

LePage has also worked in key positions for such companies as Seventeen Magazine, Esprit, Liz Claiborne, Allied Federated and Diesel.

Virginia Scholbrock, dean of Instructional Operations/Business at WITC, stated, "Anita has been a very supportive friend of WITC over the past 22 years. She has spoken to my fashion merchandising classes almost every year since the early 1980s. Whenever she came through the Twin Ports, she would take one to two hours to give the fashion students a presentation. LePage achieved success in a cut-throat industry in a tough town (New York). She has been with at least two companies who filed bankruptcy, but she continually bounced back with a new career path. She was endowed with a lot of Midwestern chutzpah."

Since moving to California, LePage has been exploring other areas of her life and discovered that she has a real passion for riding horses. She and her thoroughbred horse, Miles Devlin, train in the hunter/jumper program. Living in Petaluma has been great as it reminds her of Wisconsin in its friendliness and small town feel.

LePage expects the future to bring more travel, domestic and internationally, and continued big projects with Mervyn's.

Randall J. Ruder '93 has received the accreditation of "Certified Club Manager (CCM)" from the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). Ruder, employed by Beach Point Club in Mamaroneck, New York, became the general manager of the club in January of this year.



Ruder

Ruder qualified for the CCM examination as a result of fulfilling specific requirements in club management experience, education and association activity. The CCM examination contains seven subject areas including private club administration, managerial accounting, food and beverage operations, and principles of management. The examination is prepared and administered under the direction of the Certification Committee at various college and university sites across the country.

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Colorado Area Alumni Gathering
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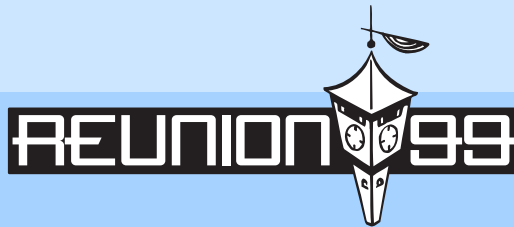
August

- 6 Commencement
- 10 Emeriti Breakfast
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September

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- 15 Eastern Wisconsin Retired Stout Alumni Luncheon
- 16 Eastern Wisconsin Alumni Gathering
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- 18 Alumni Board Meeting
- 25 Foundation Board Meeting

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